

YORKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Y.E.S.) COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

The following is a summary of discussions. Order of presentation does not reflect the order of discussion or the extent of all discussion surrounding the topic.

In attendance: Catarina Burisch, Neda Pilarim, Alan Morris, Catherine Hall, Rina Patel, Stella Hantzakos, Kim Sparks, Ilana Keyes, Brooke Jacobs, Katherine Ross, Saman Kashanchi

Regrets: Yatri Shah, Jennifer Angel, Sharon Saporta, Natasha Parsotam

Adoption of previous meeting's minutes

- Adopted.

Treasurer's Report

- To discuss next time.

PRO Grant Application Reminder

- Natasha has started – due May 26. Going to work on it – suggestions around mental health/wellness night/ math night.
- To discuss further next meeting.

Parent Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!

- Ilana, Catarina and Catherine attended workshops about resiliency.
- Went well – started off with positive jar with positive 'idea's'. You explain how it resonates with you. How to provide children with coping strategies, helping them to express themselves, helping children focus their energy on the positive.
- Having a community – other adults with children – to learn from each other.
- Sharing information/available next meeting.
- Learning through games – i.e. escape games to learn teamwork. "breakoutedu.com"
- Suggestion to have older grades do it for younger grades (since they do it already).

Movie Night – Toy Story

- Fairly well attended. Not as good draw because old movie, day before March Break/PA Day

Principal's Report

- Arts Package is much appreciated and being well received– The Coat, Vision of Turtle Island,
- April 27 – Flames across the Border (5-8) Fables de la Fontaine (1-3) – May 3, DrumFIT – May 29
- Scientist in the School visiting each classroom
- Student survey (grade 5-12) happened at the end of March; parent survey is next; then teacher survey – happens every two years.
- Confirmed on-going subsidy from school council of \$200/class to offset the cost of a bus for an outing –
- As well \$20/student for Grade 8 graduation celebration - covers cost of a DJ.
- Suggestion of having an after school end of year dance. Last Thursday – June 22 from 5-9? Graduation is the day before.

- Drama and Mad Science are extra-curricular lunch time activities opted into by parents. Regarding Drama, request to be clearer up front with total cost, date, rehearsal times, etc. rather than \$10 in Sept. and cost of tickets in March cost. Perhaps \$40 up front to include 2 tickets for show.
- Enrolment lower for next school year: down 2 classes in French Immersion track and 1 in English track.
- EQAO – for grades 3 and 6 – happening at end of May
- Today was Autism Awareness Day and students assisted at the raising of the flag.

Market Place

- Sent out letters. Rebecca Kopel -Real estate agent –confirmed. Another vendor -Northern Karate is asking is about being a lunch time program @ YES already at Brownridge and other schools. Each student would be \$50 + HST. Donates back to school
- Suggestion to advertise in the Thornhill Post.
- Contacted Fiesta Rentals for BBQ rental – 2 propane tanks, bouncy castle, giant connect 4 – \$735.50 +tax. Selling affordable food. Need a 50% deposit.
- Volunteers needed – email principals of high schools to get students to offer community hours
- No raffle due to logistical issues no astronomy neither
- Ilana collecting vendor fees
- Natasha/Kim to notify vendors.
- Volunteer needed to do a Costco run for non-perishables
- Caretakers to advertise Market on outside sign – put it up at the end of April.
- Mr. Dishy has a connection at Sobeys, going to No Frills for donations
- Need tables set up – get information to caretakers.
- Catarina to include reminder in Weekly Highlights from school that entrance to market is free for parents/high profile guests, etc.
- Catarina to invite community police officer,
- Suggestion to contact fire dept. and ice cream truck
- Cath to purchase Beef Dogs and Veg dogs – 200 and 75

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:20pm