

<p><b>YORKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Y.E.S.) PARENT COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>JANUARY 9, 2017</b></p>
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*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, Natasha Parsotam, Rina Patel, Stella Hantzakos, Catherine Hall, Kim Sparks, Ilana Keyes, Brooke Jacobs

Regrets: Yatri, Jennifer Angel, Sharon Saporta, Alan Morris, Jennifer Stemerding, Neda Pilarim

Adoption of previous meeting's minutes

- Adopted.

Treasurer's Report

- To discuss next time

Winter Concert

- Great turn out, and rhythm
- Consider splitting groups upon release at the end
- Consider parent help and consider posting the list of where kids will be at the end of the concert.

Estimate for Playground

- Estimate was high, exploring alternatives

Arts package: Jennifer & Stella

- K-4: The Coat
- French 1-3: Les Fables De La Fontaine
- 5-8: Flames Across The Border
- Whole School: Visions of Turtle Island and DrumFit

→ Dates are to be confirmed shortly

Principal's Report

- Swim to Survive was a success – they all went 3 times
- A few classes are going to outdoor rink at William Garner Community Center for skating – grade 3s have booked, and the other grades will book. This is a free activity.
- French Information Night for grade 1s on December 19
- Art's program at Baythorn Information Night for grades 4 and 5.; December 19
- Registration for new kindergarten, FI gr. 1 & Arts program begins Friday, January 20
- Mad Science will start during the week of January 23
- Dental screening coming up
- Lice Patrol for entire school being looked into.
- Grade 8s completing course elections for High school at the end of the month
- Over the holiday the school paid for an IT refresh – ensuring stronger WIFI connectivity throughout the school. Expecting deliveries of Cost sharing items in the near future.
- Deep cleaning of washrooms on main floor over the holidays
- Caretakers maintain pathways into the school. Entire tarmac not possible to salt – so sometimes will have indoor recess

- Barb Rabin is available to provide a parent presentation – just need to provide a topic and a date. Perhaps following next school council meeting (6:30-7:00) and then invite parents in to attend. Possible topics – how to deal with anxiety and support resiliency in children. An email will be sent out to parents upon confirmation, possibly for the February meeting.
- Spoke with Principal at Thornhill P.S. regarding donations for raffle– can do it via Cash-on-line and parents would be issued a tax receipt. Precedent re Thornhill P.S. doing it.
- Another presentation topic would be financial literacy for student. Stella to speak with CIBC contact.

#### Other

- Hot Dogs are a success. Maintain it for the remainder of the year. Revisit options next year.
- Cash-on-line to go out for Subs, Pizza and Hot Dogs
- End of Year Dance with photo booth being considered. School council to consider buying a printer for the school (as well as price out consumables) or consider a Groupon for the photo booth. Consider asking Junior/Intermediate students to make props/backgrounds. Thursday, June 22, 2017 being suggested– 6-8pm.
- Movie night – last one went well; everyone in attendance was attentive and calm – probably because of the length of the film and age-appropriate content. Consider “Sing” or showing an old movie. Consider movie the week before March break – March 9<sup>th</sup> would be the date of the movie.
- Marketplace – Create a vendor list, including other materials. Donations of money and raffle tickets. Charge to rent a table or they can donate a prize in exchange for a reduced price. Table costs \$75, if provide a raffle prize lower to \$50 – raffle price of minimum retail value of \$25.
- Some raffles prizes could be good for Mother’s day presents. May 4<sup>th</sup> (*May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you*) or 11<sup>th</sup> – 6-8pm
  - Sell tickets – get to choose prize on stage in order of value. Need raffle rules.
  - Need a letter to go to vendors signed by Catarina and School Council Chairs
  - Finalize the letter at the February meeting – consider a letter to vendors who don’t need a table, canvas parents as well.
- Consider including parent council dates in the weekly Y.E.S. Newsletter

So to summarize.

February 6– Parent Engagement Night with Barb Rabin

March 9– Movie Night

May 4– Marketplace

June 22– EOY Dance,

June 29- Teacher appreciation luncheon (need to create a sign-up sheet)

#### Next Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm – 7:00pm

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:20pm