

<p>YORKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Y.E.S.) PARENT COUNCIL MEETING November 7, 2016</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, Neda Piliaram, Rina Patel, Stella Hantzakos, Cath, Hall, Kim Sparks, Ilana Keyes, Jennifer Stemerding

Regrets: Yatri, Brooke Jacobs, Jennifer Angel, Sharon Saporta, Alan Morris

Adoption of previous meeting's minutes

- Adopted.

Feedback Halloween Dance

- Went exceedingly well– great attendance and engagement.
Takeaways and learnings
 - Photo booth with accessories, etc., next time
 - Games went well – prizes, which were very inexpensive, very appreciated and profitable
 - Pre-made combos
 - Wording clear around purchase of tickets
 - Let's talk about - Valentine's Dance/Grams

Calendar

- Put together a calendar to ensure activities are timed and spread out appropriately.

Movie night

- December 1, 2016
- Secret Life of Pets (77m) – appropriate duration for this age group
- Send out email advertisement for CashOnline combined with the Kids Kitchen order (see below).
- To combine with Kids Kitchen order.

Kids Kitchen

- Ilana investigated.
- They initially said they cannot negotiate prices.
- They suggested as price sensitive items – Hot dogs - \$4.00 – 1 hot dog and cookie (make \$0.90 a lunch), 2 hot dogs and a cookie \$6.50 (make 1.30).
- Start it November 22 – through CashOnline.
- Then again in January – timed according to Pizza

Teacher's Wish list - prioritized

Board-school matching/cost sharing

- We are on a 1:1.5 ratio for matching based on enrollment/need
- Top wish list item - Laptops – 5 in a package – includes software (primary and above), includes services.
- Looking at 3 packages – 15 new Dell Notebooks and 4 Chromebooks
- \$6,100 approximately – which we have
- ADOPTED.

- An arts package for each division; subsidizing or paying the entirety.
- Scientist in the School
- Bussing for field trips
- Junior: Gym equipment; Primary: Playground equipment – awaiting quote to customize area, etc.

Principal's report (see also *Board-school matching/cost sharing*)

- November 22 - Report cards
- November 24 and 25ths are parent-teacher interviews
- December 1 – Gifted screening for grade 3s
- Swim to survive lessons - Grade 3s only (in class and in pool) to occur in November/December
- Boys and Girls volleyball going well – tournament in 2 weeks
- Values Influences and Peers (VIP) program (Police officer comes in – grades 3, 6, 7, 8)
- Crime Stoppers program for older grades

Holiday Concert

- The last week before holidays – December 20th or 21st - TBD
- Raffle for Taekwondo and Spa package (existing prizes)
 - Idea based on raffle held at another school for Y.E.S Holiday raffle*
 - Solicit donations from vendors (get tax receipts), and then provide tax receipts for people who purchase tickets
 - Display items somewhere in school
 - Assemble packages by a deadline
 - Catarina to call Thornhill PS to determine mechanics and \$
 - Catarina to send out blurb -Ilana to send to Catarina requesting donations to contact Ilana

Gift Card Program

- See Fundscrip.com
- 200 different vendors
- See if you can set up Y.E.S. account

Parent engagement night

- Bring speaker in – Catarina to ask school resource.
- Tie it into a council meeting night (i.e. shorten the council meeting)
- February timing
- Possible coping skills – coping/resiliency
- Triple P as another potential resource

Drama

- Discussion to be had between Jennifer and Drama club to ensure they are aware of funds they have, the \$ parents are charged at outset at sign up, and to price tickets accordingly (i.e. a subsidy against all ticket prices?)

Next Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017 @ 7pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:45pm