

## Yorkhill Elementary School - School Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

7:00-8:30

Members present: Josephine (Josie) O'Hara, Jenny (Bracha) Fuchs, Ilana Keyes, Yatri Shah, Tyler Cave, Stella Hantzakos, Jennifer Angel, Ellen Erdman, Gayle Holtzman, Dan Jacobs, Stephanie Ip-Tin, Natasha Parsotam, Diana Mousavi

Regrets: Jin Hu, Joey Ng, Raymond Li

1. Retirement of Mme. Catarina Burisch and Introduction of Incoming Principal Mme. Josephine O'Hara - given brief background and welcomed by School Council
2. November 6th meeting minutes reviewed by Dan, approved and adopted by Jenny and Yatri.
3. Treasurer's report by Ilana: Balance of \$14517.74 – approved by Tyler, Stephanie

4. Principal's Wish list:

\*As Mme. O'Hara is new to the school, the wish list which was presented during the last meeting needs to be further reviewed. We have requested her to look into the programs/activities requested and we will discuss them further during the February 5th meeting.

- Financial literacy program – perhaps another provider/bank can offer this program?
- Arts & anti-bullying presentation package – more info requested
- Athletic support for coaches – can funds come another source? Students can self-fundraise? Perhaps we can match/make up difference of what they raise. Ongoing fundraising – through office (popcorn/cookies) discussed  
-Josie offered to administrate fundraising - passed

\*Math manipulatives – propose to increase amount – at least \$1000 - passed

\*Osmo program/app demo by Tyler during next meeting (School is contemplating introducing program to elementary children) Please remind all members to arrive at 6:45 PM for next meeting.

5. Teacher's report by Jennifer

- Successful book fair \$5000 raised
- Book donations can be made to library
- Scholastic flyer circulation needs to be increased - Jennifer has offered to help in administration of flyers

- Pizza pizza literacy program not simple to administrate

6. Family Math night – Tuesday Feb 6, 2018 – 6-8 PM

\*being outsourced therefore school council volunteers may not be needed

7. Parenting evening – Parenting traps and strategies to be held in Library on Wednesday, Jan 31

-cost approved for refreshments (\$50 budget) - worked well during previous parenting event held in November

8. New business

\*Pizza ordering issue is resolved - bagged pizza to be dated

\*Outdoor equipment – cover option isn't available right now – passes inspection

- Playground improvements issue – bike rack needed

- templates and paint bought, possibly done by students?

\*Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon lead by Dan and Diana

- distribute glow bands etc

- music by Grade 7/8 students?

\*Spring Market/Dance/Concert to be made into one big event at the end of May/beginning of June

- Pizza pizza free bouncy castle – merge dance and spring market – carnival style

\*School cash online approved for remainder of year hot lunches

\*Suggested to have new business items be capped at 10 minute discussion

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Next School Council meeting on Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 6:45 PM in the library