

Yorkhill Parent Council Minutes - Sept 20, 2022

1. Introductions and approval of minutes from previous meeting
2. Josie reviewed council positions for which we are recruiting parents
 - o Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Volunteer Coordinator
 - o Chair selected – Wang
 - o Secretary - Kelly Morse
 - o Treasurer - E.J. Stein
 - o Communications Officer - Leslie Tokayer
 - o Volunteer coordinator (TBD)
 - E.J. recommended recruiting for vacant positions prior to next meeting. Focus on new parents or those with kids in younger grades
3. Reviewed school council meeting dates: Nov 22, Jan 17, Mar 7, May 9, Jun 13 (all meetings start at 7pm)
 - Leslie suggested doing a hybrid model (in person and virtual) —> Leslie to manage this
4. Reviewed planned PA days for Sept (6th, 23rd) and reasons for each (report, early reading, math)
5. Enrolment: 352 students; school re-org on Sept 26 (many late registrations). Only English classes will be affected
 - reviewed type and number of each grade in English and French immersion
6. Principal's Report
 - Power School (new school info system; many technical issues)
 - bussing has been a major challenge (shortage of bus drivers)
 - Assemblies: caring and safe schools
 - Extracurricular: cross country (jr, isn't); boys & girls volleyball (int)
 - Terry Fox Run: Sept 22nd (can collect Twoonies for Terry) - jr/int will be able to leave school grounds
 - Orange Shirt Day: Sept 30
 - Josie reviewed money parent council has provided and what it's been used for (library equipment/shelving; Chrome books), etc.; highlighted equipment that needs to be replaced (Kindergarten rover; projector; special ed resources - seating for children with difficulty focusing - wobble chair; feedback cushions;
 - tarmac to be replaced next summer
 - school budget has yet to be received from the board
 - E.J. asked for prioritized needs list from school (prioritized list with qty needed, unit and total cost); also asked for Josie to start conversation with the board about replacing the playscape

Update from Josie of required items and cost (Sept 26):

Smartboard for JK/SK class	\$4,304 + tax
2 Projectors	\$589 x 2 + tax

The smarboard and projectors are on their last legs. Parts/lightbulbs are non-replaceable.
Special Education Resources:

Educube (seating - chair)	\$154. 95
Kidsergo (seating - stool)	\$682 – for 6
NeoRok Stool	\$102
Alertseat therapeutic stability ball chair	\$198.71 x 2
STEM workshops (1 per class)	\$300 (approx) x 15

 - library is now open but kids are not yet able to check out books (library bar code cards are still needed)

- field trips can happen again but nothing specified yet
 - Josie looking to bring in one English and one French play; electrical safety; rangers; drum fit; etc.
7. Pizza/Sushi lunch
 - discussed different options for pizza lunch as well as what to charge
 - Dominoes was discussed as a potentially more cost effective option but we'd need to see the size of the slices (2 slices for \$5 or \$3.75 for) (Leslie to look into slice sizes) —> all agreed to Wednesday for Pizza lunch
 - start both sushi and pizza lunch after thanksgiving long weekend
 - Sushi lunches to occur on Thursday (Leslie to coordinate)
 - Kids Kitchen will resume but will occur on days when school lunches not happening
 8. Halloween Dance - date has been booked for October 26th but many volunteers needed
 - Halloween dance committee to be formed; Josie to include it in the next flyer (along with pizza and sushi lunch) —> they need to meet within the next two weeks
 9. Discussed idea of having a movie night (pre-PA day)
 10. Resources for indoor activities will be needed (Mad Science; lunch karate with Northern Karate; etc.) —> start in New Year