

York Hill School Council Minutes

March 22, 2022

1) Attendance:

- Josie O'Hara
- E.J. Stein
- Diego Lalama
- Emily Nguyen
- Gary Shiu
- Lauren Jacobs
- Roxana Balescu
- Alona Burman
- Najme Hajipour
- Nick Chua
- Grace Kim

2) Lauren, Alona and E.J. approved minutes from previous meeting

3) Principal's Report

- COVID-19 measures reviewed: cohorting will now stop (revert to old practice of one recess for all students; eating together; no more staff room limitations; proceed slowly with assemblies; girls volleyball team resumed). Field trips remain on pause. All meetings remain virtual. Changes to be communicated in next school newsletter.
- School events reviewed (e.g. mental health Kahoot!)
- Approved for pro-grant → council approved event related to bullying prevention. Need to determine what activity/speaker we want to invite → E.J. to ask his network about this.
- Graduation is allowed to happen this year at a venue. Contribution requested as venues are a lot more expensive. \$750-\$800 requested by the school. Approved by Yorkhill parent council upon Alona confirming sufficient funds. Najime has a balloon company and can provide the decorations. Josie would like to keep the cost below \$100 per family. 5 people supported this. Subsequent to this meeting, E.J. spoke with his wife (teacher in TDSB) who informed that her school's graduation will be done outdoors at the amphitheatre in Earl Bales park with food trucks providing meals (a cheaper alternative to consider).
- 3 LCD projectors purchased but Josie said the school requires more as existing ones are quite old (some are so old that when light bulbs burn out, they can't be replaced or doing so is very expensive). Requesting enough money for 2 more (~\$1,200). Given parent council funds available, parent council approved 3 more (~\$1,800).
- E.J. mentioned we need to ramp up revenue generating efforts at the same time we increase spending.
- Alona to reach out to Leslie to find out how much we spent on Pizza Kits and determine overall profit.

- Pizza Lunches – council agreed to keep the cost @ \$2.50 per slice. E.J. agreed to take on ordering responsibility and will connect with past council members (Stephanie, Jared). Parents allowed in to distribute pizzas. E.J. volunteered if on Monday or Friday.
- Mabel’s labels instructions to be communicated in next school newsletter: go to <https://mabelslabels.ca/> → click on ‘SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER’ (top right portion of page) → start typing ‘Yorkhill’ and select the school when it appears → click the ‘LET’S GET SHOPPING’ button

4) Treasurer’s Report

- Alona to confirm Abruzzo pizza kit expenditures and overall profit
- \$2,700 in School Council account; Hot Lunches account has \$32,000+

5) AOB

- Further discussion around logistics of Pizza lunches (esp. individual packaging and how it will work)
- Suggested we also look at re-introducing sushi lunches → E.J. to look at previous treasurer report to see cost and selling price

6) Next Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday April 26, 7-8pm