

Yorkhill Elementary School - School Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes

1. Board Administration

Present: Josie O'hara, Dan Jacobs, Netaly Brand, Tyler Cave, Diana Mousavi, Ilana Keyes, Stephanie Ip, Yatri Shah, Kittie Ross, Gayle Holtzman, Ellen Erdman, Jennifer Angel, Stella Hantzakos

- a. Review and adoption of meeting minutes – Adopted by: Stephanie Ip, Seconded: Diana Mousavi
- B. Treasurer's report: Fun Fair fundraising efforts - successful in terms of spirit/engagement as well as fundraising (over \$3000 brought in), Hot lunches successful (\$18231.86 in profit), Hallowe'en Dance (\$864 in profit), QPS Fundraising (\$1200 in profit). Funds spent on Matching program (\$5074.22), Magnatiles (\$372.88), Scientists in School (\$2587), Brent & Sarah Magic Show (\$2373), Math Manipulatives (\$1000), Parent Engagement Evenings (\$113.82), Grad Dance (\$500), School Investment (\$15000)

Summary: \$6000 to be passed on to next year's council

2. Faculty Reports

- a. **Principal's report and Teacher's Report:** Welcome Mural in multiple languages, Boys' and Girls' Junior Basketball teams had a successful season, Intermediate Badminton Team - Junior and Intermediate Track Team, Water Walk, Skills Ontario Workshop for Grade 7&8, Holocaust Survivor Presentation, Track and Field for grade 7&8, Fun Fair, Gr. 1 FI Orientation (80 students registered), FI Drama performance, Excursions: Pioneer Village, Holocaust Museum, Camp Tamarack, EQAO for gr. 3 & 6, VIP for grade 3, 7, 8, Scientists in School for grade 1 & 3, Scholastic Book Fair, Monthly Character/Touchstone Assemblies, Yearbook

Proposed events for 2018-19: Drum Fit (K-8), Babar (K-3, French and English), Live your Legacy (4-8 - character, media, issues of identity), Zoo to You (K, 2, 4, 6, 7), Earth Rangers, First Nations, Metis Unit - Kim Wheatley, Financial Literacy (K-8), STEAM Workshops, Playground Games (repainting and new in games in KdgtN), Basketball Hoops/Bike Racks, Online Tools (RAZ Kids, Reading A-Z, Starfall)

- b. **Non-teaching staff report:** 3-5 year plan to revamp Library in place, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Book Fair huge success (Combined with earnings from last year, we have \$5200 in Scholastic product rewards even after using \$1500 in books for the library.)

3. Action Items from previous meeting

- a. PRO grant application made - Focus on mental health and mindfulness
- b. Allocation of funds (\$15K) from Council discussed for next year.

4. Upcoming Events:

- a. Staff Appreciation Lunch - undertaken by Diana Mousavi and Dan to create Form for lunch donations
- b. Start of council next year: September 18, 2018
- c. EDSBY App for all student and parents and staff
- d. Potential Welcome for JK/SK new parents in the fall - coffee/tea meet n greet on Curriculum Night

Summary: More parent volunteers needed in all parts of school life - pizza distribution, event management, organizers.

Action items: Possible greeter on 1st day of school, Add school council info into curriculum night (poster in classroom)?

5. New Business:

- a. Fun Fair Summary & Review: Overall success in terms of spirit and fun. However many areas to improve: Need more overall number of volunteers/organizers, Need a megaphone, Need more water bottles/food, Volunteer timesheet, more co-ordination of volunteers, More clear identification of volunteers, Pizza ordering to be more organised (order more \$600 of pizza), DJ was good, need to organise prizes,
- i. Summary: Need a solid committee to organise BETTER!
- b. Opening of roles for next year - 2 members moving to Woodland
- c. Additional engagement with school community, parents - partner with other schools for events?
- d. New items for newsletter inclusion - need to reiterate need for volunteers, programs that are funded by school council should be communicated - so that parents realise what school council does, perhaps offer incentives to participate in school council?
- e. Childminding for council meetings
- f. Mabel's labels fundraiser status
- g. Cookie Dough fundraiser status - Many problems occurred during distribution day - need to conclude whether worth the time or not for this fundraiser
- h. Future consideration of fundraisers - Should decide which fundraisers to support at the beginning of the year (not more than 1 per month)
- i. Completion of school council report