

School Council Minutes
Dec. 7, 2020
Sir Arthur Currie Public School

Attendees: Naazish, Andrew, Cheryl, Sue, Amanda, Anahita, Archana, Brandi, Bryan, Carla, Cory, Cynthia, Dina, Heather, Jacklyn, Jennifer, Joanna, Melissa, Nicole, Rie, Saleh, Sara, Sarah C, Stephanie, Stephanie Hamel, MJKNauer

Approve Agenda: No new agenda items to be added to meeting

Approve Meeting Minutes: Opening balance is \$4997.11 not \$5240.87 as listed. Heather proposed to accept the minutes, Amanda seconds the minutes, it was a unanimous decision, none opposed and meeting minutes accepted.

Principals Update:

Sue gave a shout out to Joanna and team who came in on Friday as soon as the news about the positive tests came about and helped with all the calls.

The good news being – significant number of teachers deemed not in close contact.

3 classrooms were affected. One class re-starting on the 15th and the other 2 on the 17th

Only 80 students were absent the next day whereas last time it was close to 200.

We are having the 1st masked signer contest with Mrs. Ali taking the lead.

Spirit week taking place Dec. 14-18, 2020 – Sweater day, red and green day, elf day, headwear day and pajamas day

Primary Holiday Video back on track with Mrs. Fonseca.

Grade 2 early literacy Team is making progress; In Jan. 2021 will start working with grade 1.

Andrew thanked Sue for doing a wonderful job at keeping the kids safe and doing your best during this difficult time.

Andrew also got everyone to do introductions as a few names were new and thanked everyone for coming.

Den Parents: waiting on parents to respond and then will send out the emails.

Sue asked staff how they can have Den parents help and they all agreed that being more active on google classroom will be a great idea.

Cheryl volunteered to be a den parent for Mrs. Sinclair's class.

Andrew thanked Tracy and Cynthia for the council newsletter. It looks really good. It provides updates to everyone on work being done by us.

Anahita had a question re: link for den parents: It needs to be completed only once.

Holiday Treats – same policy as in Halloween. KG – not allowing treats from home where as Primary is ok with treats coming from home.

Gifts for educators is ok.

Food drive is on – Food bank is picking donations next week.

Treasurer Update: \$4997.11 opening balance

The documents are a bit cleaner looking as Joanna and Sue have paid off certain things.

2 cheques remain - Mabels labels – funds go to the Recess
\$813 – from the meat pies – to go the technology.

Dominos cheque has not been received yet; Carla to follow up.

Melissa was not sure what a certain pot of school council fund is for? There were no specific pots earlier and so the money went in there.

Money to be transferred into technology/signs.

Motion to move funds to outdoor sign – Andrew moves the motion and Melissa seconds the motion. Anahita opposes the motion – It carries.

Melissa to transfer funds to outdoor sign.

Sue to find out how much was raised for Spirit wear which would benefit the library.

Bryan – Creative director for the next newsletter which will be mostly in Mid Jan. 2021.

Home and School: Andrew gave a brief over view on the associations along with identifying the differences between School Council and Home and School Association.
Sue to hold the elections for Home and School.

Candidates standing for election:

Andrew – Co chair
Jacklyn – Co Chair
Melissa – Treasurer

Naazish – Secretary
Tracy – Council Rep
Amanda – Council Rep

As only 1 council rep is required, Tracy pulled out.

Sue confirmed with all the other candidates if they accepted the positions; they did.

As Amy was not in attendance, We will check with her to see if she is interested in the position of 'Past Chair'. It is not a required position as it is our first year.

Sue offered to donate funds but not comfortable being a voting member of the association. This will reduce the over all amount to be paid by each member.

Jacklyn went through the by-laws explaining all points in detail.

Amount that can be used without voting was reduced to \$300.00 as everyone felt it is a fair and reasonable amount as mostly some form of fundraising and voting needs to take place to know where the funds are going.

2 Co-Chairs and the Treasurer to be signing authority.

Everybody agreed that Home and School will run as part of council meetings with clear and marked differentiation.

Andrew moved for motion to have By-Laws accepted and Cory seconded the motion. All in favour.

Jacklyn to send a clean copy of the By-laws to Sue to update on the website.

Home and School Banking Information: Libro bank – 30 transactions in chequing account and unlimited in savings account. Recommendation to have both accounts with all funds going in to the savings and then transferring to chequing as and when required as internal transfers are also unlimited.

Melissa to confirm with Home and School Rep if ok with the type of financial statements present. Looking for templates for the monthly reports required.

Jen keeps regular spreadsheet of debits and credits along with all receipts.
Sends her bank statement along with the excel spreadsheet.

For the year end reports – she just sends the written report and the books get checked.

Fundraising update:

Andrew advised that we need a home and school budget that needs to be submitted with a month of joining the association. May be February 2021.

Before Christmas – lets try and aim for a separate fundraising meeting.

Dads Pizza – 27 families ordered and we made \$800. We should try this again in spring.

Carla is hoping to do a subway fundraiser along with the video in December. Funds could may be go towards music equipment – Sue advised there is no requirement for that at the moment.

Another suggestions was to put the funds towards the outdoor sign. Carla moved motion for funds to go towards the outdoor sign, Tracy seconded the motion and Anahita opposed, the motion carries.

Archana (subway) will connect with Carla to discuss further but hoping to give back 10% of each sale.

Another fundraising campaign could be done with wooden bookmarks that can be personalized ; \$12 each with a \$2 kickback for each one purchased. Carla to send some pictures around. We could may be organize this in January 2021.

Advertising in the newsletter could be another way of raising funds. Payment for the ad being placed or a cut from the sales made. We could call it the ‘community corner’ Sue confirmed that there are no rules against posting ads in the newsletter.

Carla to put a call out for fundraising options and we could even put a shout out on Facebook.

We could also look for partnership/sponsors to fund the outdoor sign.

Hot lunches – waiting for confirmation from Health and Safety unit. Cory and Carla can now distribute the lunches as part of staff. We will however need someone to coordinate everything as its not fair to expect Cory and Carla to do everything.

Motion to close the meeting and closing remarks

Jan. 11, 2021 – next meeting