

## Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Present:** Lisa Laverick-Worth, Jessica Mackinnon, Michelle Somerville, Kim Matheson, Leah Sadler, Randal Wagner, Shashana Hare, Catherine Yoshida, Krissy Gallagher, Alexis Hoy, Andria Bitton, Seanna Murphy, Kathlyn Thompson, Rachel Cooper, Cara Collins, Heidi Muller, Sue Brown, Scott Findlay, Stacy Roberts Munn

### 1. Welcome, greetings, introductions

### 2. Review and approval of September 2016 meeting minutes

- a. Kim put forward the motion to approve the minutes as they have been distributed, Andria seconded, all in favor.
- b. Discussion about how we share minutes in timely fashion on website as it seems too long to wait until the next meeting when they are approved. Suggestion made that we email them out, have a time frame to review them and submit feedback, then post that version on the website in pdf format. Any updates after that can be added/changed.

### 3. Principal's Report (Randal)

- a. **Halloween** – students are able to change into costume at second recess and may have a celebration in their classroom. There is a note to go home next week but the highlights are: no scary costumes, something kids can put on independently, not to come to school dressed in costume, label costumes. The excitement is high – this is like prom for elementary school kids!
- b. **EQAO Results**– Randal presented 1 page of the report from the Ministry of Education. The school is examining how we compare to other dual track French/English as well as reviewing the data over time and how we compare to previous years. The school goal is to get the best out of the kids we have, not necessarily the score as well as ensuring any deficiencies are met over time. Important to note that these kids did really well, and still did not meet provincial standard. The Grade 6 group had great results and showed great improvement from previous years.

### 4. Treasurer's Report / Budget (Kim)

- a. Review of budget sheets presented by Kim
  - b. Catherine put forward a motion made to approve budget of \$700 for Library Fund, \$1500 for the forest of Forest of Reading, and \$4000 for Field Trips, seconded by Leah,

all in favor. Note that a suggestion was made to put the actual cost of field trips on the form, so parents are aware of the subsidy provided.

- c. Jessica volunteered to take some leadership with the holiday craft sale and a sign up sheet was distributed.
- d. Need to allocate where any funds raised will go. Discussion around parent feedback wanting more for the music program but how can we organize this, and how the money would be used. Ideas suggested include: having high school students come and teach music to use their volunteer hours or ask for parent volunteers or put it in the newsletter that we are looking for more musical opportunities. Bringing in guests would be preferable to purchasing more instruments. Need to discuss in future meetings.
- e. Motion made by Andria to use holiday craft sale fundraiser to increase musical opportunities in the school, seconded by Jessica. All in favor. We normally raise \$1000 after expenses.
- f. Discussion took place around the Dance-A-Thon. It is scheduled for Thursday November 24 9am-2:30pm. Randal says he will dress up. Scott will dj. Jessica has agreed to help organize with Alexis, Stacey and Michelle.
- g. Money raised from dance a thon needs to be allocated and we can assume we will raise \$5k. Motion to put \$1500 of this money to the classroom fund (formerly 'Teachers Fund') made by Andria, seconded by Rachel, all in favor. Passed. Motion to put \$1500 to technology (upgrade the library projector) & \$1000 to school resources for outdoor resource, and \$1000 to kindie program put forward by Andria, seconded by Jessica, all in favor. Randal discussed that he will update indoor equipment and move older equipment outside.
- h. Motion made by Kim to allocate \$750 for council administration costs, Andria seconded, all in favor.
- i. Motion to put the money raised from Acorn Cards to the Arts & Music program made by Leah, Scott seconded, all in favor.
- j. Scott will get more involved in Petite Blanche event and come to future meetings.

## 5. Bike-Rack request

a. Discussion related to bike rack needed for Junior students. Scott & Randal will connect about the bike rack sourcing. Money is already allocated through the greening fund.

## 6. Fundraising Planning

### **Co-ordinators and volunteers needed!!!**

pizza update – Pia & Stacey & Pia will co-ordinating with Leah & Kim going over the program with them.

movie night – 5-6:30 help needed – Krissy & Scott will help

dance-a-thon – Andrea, Scott

## 7. Pro-Grant update

a. We have received \$1000 grant from the government to put on a series of events that invite our community into our schools. Some money already used for the open house. Starting to look at dates for the next event. November may be a math event. More details to follow.

## 8. In other news...

Adopt a school results: raised \$6300 & we get 30% off the books we purchase with that money. This money goes to classroom books not library books. Way to go Stephanie Clark

## 9. Next meeting date: November 15th

Randal to do update on budget at next meeting.

(2016-17 meeting dates: January 17, February 21, April 18, May 16, June 20th )