

École Paisley Road – School Council

PRPS Library

6:30pm

Date: October 17, 2017

Meeting Called by: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Karie Bilger, Yvonne Clarke, Rachel Cooper, Sachim Desai, Scott Findlay, Sue Findlay, Shashana Hare, Lisa Laverick-Worth, Seanna Murphy, Annica Napier, Kathy Nahwegahbow, Leah Sadler, Michelle Sommerville, Kathlyn Thompson, Leigh Thompson, Laura Vandervelt, Adam Vaughan, Randal Wagner,

Regrets: Kim Mathesson, Jessica McKinnon

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Introduction

- Group went around the room and introduced themselves
- Lisa thanked returning members and welcomed new members

Topic 2: September Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from September meeting distributed
- Minutes were approved by Sue and seconded by Scott
- Recommendation: School website link to past council minutes, and resources for new parents at Parent Council

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Topic 4: Principal's Report (Randal)

- Shashana Hare opened up the discussion by showing YouTube clip "Explain Privilege"
- Shashana spoke that this situation can apply to this school and to be mindful of the way "privilege" affects students here
- Looking for ways to get message across about equity
- Randal asked council members to share any recommendations for specific resources in this area to expand understanding and think about our equity goals
- Conference room has been created in the office; Randal has switched to a smaller office. This office could be signed out for various groups who need it. It has a photocopier, table, is private, etc
- Beards for Breakfasts: fundraiser for Foods for Friends Breakfast programs. Five school principals are taking part in this and aiming to raise \$5000. Feel free to give and spread the word. More information found on school website
- Some talk of what a nutrition program at Paisley Road PS could look like. It would have to be something very easy to implement, offer objectively healthy foods, and be seamless in implementation. But would really need to consider if it's necessary for this school – add to November agenda to talk more

Topic 5: Treasurer's Report

- Kim could not attend this evening and sent in report electronically

- Going to focus on budget for 2017-2018 school year
- Focus on events and activities we supported in the past, if it's something we want to do again, and if we want to use the same amount of funds, and figure out how to raise the funds for these items
- Field Trips
 - Last two years, \$4000 to subsidize field trips (covers buses, admission fees, etc.)
 - Randal asked if it seemed fair, council members agreed this was an opportunity to meet an equity goal of making sure it's accessible to all children/parents by having it subsidized by the school
 - Budget of \$4500 suggested, with increase to take inflation into account
 - Pizza Sale to provide funds for Field Trips
 - Moved to pass by Michelle and seconded by Scott. All in favour
 - Emergency Fund (\$1000 set aside as of June 2017)
 - This fund is already being put to use by the discretion of staff members. It could also be used to help with families who can't pay cost for field trips?
 - There was a suggestion about looking at policy that could surround this fund to provide guidelines and examples. Could coordinate with the CYC. Karie and Leah offered to sit down with CYC to talk about writing a policy
- Library Books
 - Two years ago said we would spend \$1700, last year was \$1500
 - Funds this year proposed to be raised by Holiday Craft Sale
 - Budget of \$1500 proposed, with any additional funds raised at Craft Sale also going to the library
 - Moved to pass by Sue and seconded by Michelle. All in favour
- Forest of Reading
 - Last two years provided \$1500
 - This year we have said that Movie Night Funds would be put toward Forest of Reading (it made roughly \$1500 last year).
 - Budget of \$1500 proposed
 - Moved to pass by Michelle and seconded by Sue. All in favour
- Outdoor Resources
 - Some money has already been spent. Will revisit this one at a different time.
- Technology
 - Randal expressed a request by staff for some Walkie Talkies, specifically for Kindie teams.
 - We would need 14 to cover Kindie Teams, and could also plan to have them accessible to outdoor helpers and others who need them
 - Proposed that some money from Kindie Yard be used to purchase these tools (\$480.24) and Randal has extra funds from previous years budget. No additional funds required from council at this time.
- Classroom Fund
 - Extra funds for teachers to set up and maintain classrooms
 - We currently have 28 teachers and 22 classrooms
 - Proposed \$2800 (\$100/teacher), coming out of Pizza Fund
 - Moved by Michelle and seconded by Leah. All in favour
- Music Program

-Proposed minimum of \$3000 with funds from Dance-a-Thon fundraiser, along with any additional funds raised

-Moved to pass by Karie and seconded by Michelle. All in favour

oThere was a discussion of getting feedback from music teacher to make sure she has what she needs going forward. She has already started guitar and ukelele club

oWe have \$1000 ready to be spent (fallocated last year) to cover ukeleles

oMoved by Michelle and seconded by Karie. All in favour

oPlayground Maintenance – required

oA total budget of \$13,300

Topic 6: Fundraising

-Pizza

-Well on our way to meeting goals

-Movie Night

-First one is Oct.26th, order forms have gone home, Jessica still looking for some volunteers (signup.com)

-Dance-a-thon

-Will be a Valentine's event

-Holiday craft sale

-Information will be going home very soon, will be looking for volunteers

-Acorn Cards (Mme. Kautz)

-Something that was done last year, organized by a teacher.

-Order greeting cards, based on children's art

-Last year, raised \$440

-This year maybe send a letter home with more information?

-Raised funds proposed to go toward Technology

-Motion moved by Scott, and seconded by Laura. All in favour

Topic 7: Pro-Grant Update

-Randaal announced we've been approved for \$1000 for Parent Engagement Evenings

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Topic 8: Kindie Team Update

-Kathlyn said they are looking into Field Trips for late fall

-There are two recent additions to Kindergarten staff

- Cohesive team of 13 people

-Climber will be closing November 1st. Maximizing use now

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Topic 9: Greening Update (Laura)

-In follow up to discussion from previous council meeting:

-Laura has met with Leslie Work – they have looked more specifically at Greening needs at the school and how they funds can be allocated

-From that meeting, Laura presented Leslie's ideas for Greening activities for the school with a rough budget of what it will all cost:

- Leslie has recommended armour stone seating area outdoors. This would cost around \$3500
- For five trees, each tree is \$1100 (they will become big trees to provide a lot of shade)
- Outdoor classroom area total: \$9700
- Garden area near exit at primary grounds, on East side there are a lot of plants that are dying because of compaction. Trying to come up with an idea to divert foot traffic (Stepping-stones? Another path?) No budget for this at this time
- David Fields (parent at the school) has offered to volunteer his time to help with this project, as this is his area of expertise
- Creating a sensory garden for the Kindie yard
- Creating butterfly/hummingbird garden (behind baseball diamond?) There is already a bird feeding station located there and a few plants. \$500 would be a good start
- Leslie has earmarked about \$200 for Kindie Sensory Garden
- Composting worm chalets
- Seeds for Vegetable garden (\$750)
- Harvest early summer and early fall.
- Leslie has created a list of required equipment to maintain these gardens (also requiring a shed or storage for all of these tools.)
- Lisa discussed importance of thinking about additional fundraising this year to go towards the Greening Fund, proposed the Vesey's fundraiser?
- Next steps: Laura and Greening Committee to coordinate with Randal, submit proposals, get approval, and come back to Council

Topic 10: Boundary Review Update (Rachel)

- No new update from last meeting. The Board passed option 3.
- Rachel read from Guelph Mercury Article
- Concern about 11 families that will experience sibling split as of September 2018.
- One final plea to keep families together
- No comment from Transportation Expert
- Looking for support for those families.
- Not just 11 families, it is impacting many more (those with younger siblings not yet in JK)

Topic 11: Elections

- Secretary: Annica Napier and co-lead Kathy Nahwegahbow
- Treasurer: No electee. Kim to continue to support, with Laura Vandervelt shadowing
- Chair: Lisa Laverick-Worth
- Vice-Chair: Andria Jones-Bitton
- Communications Officer: Jessica MacKinnon

Topic 12: In other news...

- EQAO results
- Last time we spoke about seeking Math Help from the Board
- There is help happening and staff are engaging in different programs.
- Will do more thorough update at November meeting

Next Meeting is November 21st (last meeting of this calendar year)

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm