

September 18, 2018 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library

6:30pm

Date: Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Meeting Called by: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Shashana Hare, Lisa Laverick-Worth, Kathlyn Thompson, Randal Wagner, Rachel Cooper, Laura Vanderveldt, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Andria Bitton, Leah Sadler, Karie Bilger, Kim Matheson

Regrets: Jessica Mackinnon, Leigh Thompson

### Agenda Topics

#### Topic 1: Welcome, Greetings, and Introductions

- Lisa welcomed everyone back for a new year and there were brief introductions

#### Topic 2: Principal's Report

- Shashana presented some slides that included quotes from teachers about why they chose to get into teaching and work at Paisley Road Public School and asked School Council members to fill out similar handouts with “why you come to Council”
- Changes to school curriculum with provincial government changes
  - o Message they are receiving from the board is still very much supporting the same values that Paisley holds
  - o Changes to curriculum, but teachers are able to address needs and support accordingly – and the board and their unions will support teachers in this.
  - o Parents on council expressed frustrations with the curriculum being changed to the 20-year old curriculum.
- Several staff have returned from leaves this year, along with some new staff (Ruth Robinson (FDK), Emily Sehl (FI2), Sonia DiLeonardo (FI 2), Aaron Senitt (FDK), Kim Stark (Gr 1), Stephanie Vincent (EA), Christy Geddes (EA)). It has generally been a smooth start to the school year.
- There are 14 new cameras inside the school (none in the classrooms): good addition for keeping the kids safe inside and outside of the school.
- New TV for the office as well as TVs hooked up in classrooms via chromecast for easier use.
- First week assemblies happened – children reviewed the WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) and the zones of regulation. This year's focus was about their identity and each class worked on an “identity quilt” where each student could talk about their family, culture, food, language etc. These quilts will be displayed in the front cabinet.
- PD day coming up: they will review document from the ministry that has come through about the Fundamentals of Mathematics.
- Drills were done in the first week of school to review procedures.

- Exploring updating the Library to become a “Learning Commons” to be more accommodating of different projects – more problem-solving focused. It may not happen this year. There are grants that can be applied for to help fund this project.
- Zumba teacher (Sarah) has been coming in on Mondays and doing Zumba during second recess – feedback has been very positive.
- Greening Update: There is one quote, but three quotes are needed for this amount of money being spent. So at this point we are waiting on more quotes.
- Field Trip funding: this was well used last year and in line with equity goals. Would council allocate \$4000 towards this?
- Scientist in the School: another \$3500 to help fund this activity?
- Terry Fox Run coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, as is the Open House – **NEW TIME 4:30-6pm**
- **If you have any questions for school council, you can always let Lisa or Randall (or anyone on School Council!) know ahead of time and it can be discussed at the meeting.**
- First Day of School Procedures: conversation around what that looks like and how to reduce chaos next year. This topic will be revisited closer to the end of the year.

#### Topic 3: Treasurer’s Report/Budget/Review of June \$ Allocations

- Laura presented the following information:
  - o We have \$4144.55 to be allocated. We decided to give \$2800 for classroom fund, \$1000 for Family Fun night, and \$300 for the Emergency Fund (to round it up to \$1000). So all money from last year is allocated, now we need to create the budget for this year (next meeting).
  - o Starting fresh at meeting next month!

#### Topic 4: Fundraising Planning (*tentative dates*)

- Pizza
  - o Looking for a new supplier...likely going with Pizzaville. Looking into other options and making sure that it has the certificate of nutrition in line with Canada’s Food Guide.
  - o **Volunteers always welcome to help with distribution each week**
- Movie Nights
  - o *Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>*
  - o *Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>*
- Dance-a-Thon
  - o Friday before March break, *March 8<sup>th</sup>*
- Holiday Craft Sale
  - o *December 18<sup>th</sup>*
- Parents Night Out – Babysitting event. Parents can drop their kids off at the school for an hour or two? Will discuss further at next meeting.
- Acorn cards – a teacher in the school has offered to head this up again.
- Veseys...possible other option instead – organic seeds? Stacy will follow up on this and will email out this new information.
- Randal will also discuss with any staff about fundraisers to make sure there are no conflicting dates

#### Topic 5: Pro-Grant (Leah)

- The proposal has been submitted for this year, likely won't hear back until later in the month. Overall theme for pro-grant ideas: **Building healthy relationships at school and in our school community** (students, teachers, admin, parents)
- Events:
  - o Link in with the Open House and have some information about healthy-relationship initiatives
  - o Next month, host a "Building Healthy Relationships Conversation Café". It will be a structured conversation on how to help our children have healthy relationships.
  - o Expert-led workshop in the new year
  - o We will still do Math Night in conjunction with Education Week in May
- Information comes from "Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network"
  - o Canadian website, latest research and current tools and resources in this area.

#### Topic 6: Kindie Team Update

- Kindergarten teams looks very different now - down to 2 French Immersion classes and English class teachers are all new.
- Kids haven't attended assemblies yet, but will have Kindie versions in next few weeks
- SKs are in the big yard for recess and it's going well.
- There are gr.3 students who are now helping JKs in the Kindie Yard.
- \$140 leftover from last year to be used.
- Two bikes need to be repaired – possibly take to the repair café?
- The group discussed having a teacher from the older grades represented at Parent Council now that the school will have more older students.

#### Topic 7: Review of executive positions

- Chair, treasurer, secretary – statements of interest? Election in October meeting
- Lisa is willing to continue as Chair, Laura as Treasurer, and Annica as Secretary. **There will be official elections in October and any/all are welcome to put their name forward for any position.**

#### Topic 8: In other news...

- Open House: What do we want to do?
  - o Popcorn
  - o Invite people to have a picnic dinner on the grass?
  - o Parent Council Poster

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm. Next meeting date Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

(2018-2019 Meeting dates: October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, June TBD)