

November 20, 2018 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library  
6:30pm

Date: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Meeting Called by: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Lisa Laverick-Worth, Randal Wagner, Dana Greenlaw, Leigh Thompson, Kim Matheson, Laura Vanderveldt, Karie Bilger, Annica Napier, Gayle Erskine, Leah Sadler, Pia Marquardt, Rachel Cooper, Logan Kennedy

Regrets:

### Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome, Greetings, and Introductions

Topic 2: Review and approval of October 2018 meeting minutes

- Laura made a motion to approve the October minutes, seconded by Gayle. All in favour.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

- Shashana presented a slideshow that went over the Time Capsule opening
- Dress code for UGDSB: has been revised to be more inclusive and reflective of our students
  - o “All students should be able to dress for school without fear of unnecessary discipline, body shaming, bias, or discrimination”
  - o “Individuals are responsible for managing their own personal biases and or perspectives/opinions (distractions) related to others' choice of clothing”
  - o “All students are treated equitably regardless of their race, age, ability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, socio-economic circumstances, or body type/size”
  - o “Students have a right to wear clothing of their choice that expresses their self-identified gender”
  - o “Students have a right to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination”
- Preparation for month of February (Black History Month)
  - o 2 sessions of “Developmental drumming” for Gr 1&2
  - o 3 sessions of “Drums alive” for Gr 3-6
  - o This will be an all day event at the gym
- 25<sup>th</sup> of January choir will be performing at the Storm game
- This past PD day – Urgent Student Learning Need
  - o Focused on Math focus: continue use of number talks to address the ministry document of Focusing on the Fundamentals of math
  - o Language Focus: Use the language continuums to direct and create guided learning groups for small group instruction.
- Diwali Celebrations at Paisley

- Celebrated on Nov.7<sup>th</sup>
- There was an assembly and Anshu (SWIS – Settlement Worker in School) shared about her experience of celebrating Diwali
- Outdoor Classroom is complete and has been used by students and teachers alike!
- Remembrance Day Assembly led by Mme Gareau (also a presentation by Guelph Civic museum)

#### Topic 4: Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Gayle was in attendance to answer any questions or clarify concerns. The school board wants every school to merge with the School Council, to make it an easier access portal.
- Fundraising General is the main category, with other subcategories added in (General, Pizza, Craft Sale)
- There is a binder in the office that has all the information about funds raised and spent – available for any one to look at to ensure transparency.
- Moving towards all on-line payment (safer, less work, simpler..)
  - For parents who have struggled with the on-line payment, Gayle is suggesting doing an automated call home to encourage families to come in to be walked through the process.
- Laura presented the following information:
  - For October
    - Spent some money on Scientists in the school
    - Some Library books purchased
    - Zumba costs have come out of the Arts Program
    - Greening project (Outdoor classroom) has been paid for – one cheque in October and one in November
    - Insurance for Parent Council Fund
    - Paid for Pizza for a special choir event organized by Mme Richer
      - Three schools got together, including a Federal school, to record a song to enter in a CBC competition.

#### Topic 5: Fundraising Update

- Pizza
  - Discussion around how many more pizza sessions remain in the year. It was concluded that we keep with an extra session, leaving three sessions remaining.
  - Looking for more volunteers to divvy up the pizza on Thursdays (12:15-1pm ish)
    - Will put in the newsletter and also mention to Anshu to reach out to parents who may be interested.
- Holiday Craft Sale – Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking for volunteers!! Contact Jessica MacKinnon directly or check out sign up opportunities on the website
  - Also need donations!!! There is a handbook of ideas on the website. It can be very easy and simple to make donations – check out the handbook!
- Date Night Out
  - Not going to do it before Christmas – will revisit at the January meeting
- Acorn Cards
  - Have been sent home, they are due November 23<sup>rd</sup>!

- Movie Night next Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>!
  - o Volunteers needed from 4:45pm-6:30pm – contact Jessica
- Dance-a-Thon
  - o Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> (before March break)
  - o Rachel Cooper will be coordinating that event
- Paisley Swag
  - o Let's talk about this for the 2019-2020 year!

#### Topic 6: Relationship Building Cafe Update – Leah Sadler

- About 20 people came out, including good representation from teachers
- Leah typed up the minutes and will send them out.
- One of the themes: Communication – which is a theme we will explore more.
- Also as the school age group is maturing, be sure to engage the older students in this process.
- There was great conversation around the idea of mitigating circumstances surrounding bullying. Bullying is always addressed, but also with a focus on education and understanding the situation fully.
- Research really emphasizes the effect of bystanders – they are normally present for these bullying episodes, but have the power to shut it down!! Turn a bystander into an UPstander!
- Parents enjoy coming to see their kids perform, so there is an idea that the parental education piece might be best addressed during the same event as a student performance (possibly related to the subject – e.g. skits, songs, etc)
- Council supported the plan to move forward with next steps.

#### Topic 7: Kindie Team Update

- All going smoothly
- No Kindie teachers present for this meeting but Randal spoke of the hard work and dedication of Mme. Thompson, who has been a regular member of School Council. She has been a huge asset to the council and school alike.

#### Topic 8: Greening Update

- Outdoor classroom is built
- Dave Fields (master gardener and parent at the school) will be assisting in the cultivation and planting of native plants around it in the spring.

#### Topic 9: In Other News

- Paisley school choir singing at the storm game January 25<sup>th</sup>
  - o Tickets will be available through the school late December/early January
    - Help would be appreciated for the sales/accounting of these tickets – contact Lisa if you would like to help!
- On the agenda for January Meeting: End of Year Celebration!

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm. Next meeting date Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 (2018-2019 Meeting dates: NO DECEMBER MEETING, January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, NO MARCH MEETING, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, June TBD)

