

February 19, 2019 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library

6:30pm

Date: February 19, 2019

Meeting Called by: Randal Wagner

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Randal Wagner, Shashana Hare, Leigh Thompson, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Rachel Cooper

Regrets: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Neighbourhood Walk to School Initiative – Leslie Work and a staff member from St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School presented their ideas and goals for increasing the number of students that walk to school. They will be holding another meeting in the spring to discuss more with parents about logistics, concerns, benefits, and any other ideas pertaining to the subject – date TBD!

Topic 2: Review and approval of January 2019 meeting minutes

- Laura made a motion to approve the November minutes, Leigh seconded. All in favour.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

- Shashana presented the following information:
 - o Time Capsule – Elder Jan Sherman donated items to put into new capsule.
 - o African Drumming was a big success. The feedback from students and teachers was very positive and they are hoping it will become an annual thing.
 - o February is Black History Month, this year it is being linked to the Upstander initiative (e.g. Harriet Tubman as an upstander, those in the underground railroad were upstanders)
 - o Competition about the accessible doors/buttons. The gr.6 students entered a competition to make posters to encourage proper use of the buttons...and they won!!!
 - Prize: Patrick Anderson would be coming to the school (athlete/wheelchair basketball player). He gave a presentation and demonstration and let the Gr.6 class try out wheelchair basketball.
 - o Chef À L'École: worthwhile and very much enjoyed by students
 - o Go-Go Grandmas: African-based storytellers gave a presentation in the library for students
 - o New Logo!! Wonderful new look – it has been softened and made more suitable for all ages – made by José Hernández (parent at our school).
 - o **Board is putting out a System Wide Diversity Survey from Feb.25th – March 29th**

- **Voluntary and anonymous**
- **One for staff, one for students, and one for parents/guardians**

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Laura presented the following information with attached Budget spreadsheet.
 - Pizza Update: We spoke to Pizzaville and they lowered their price a bit, but not significantly. We will likely explore other options for the following school year.
 - Two last sessions have been put on the website
 - We are at 92% of reaching our amount for pizza money allocations, which means we will likely break even but may not have as much surplus.
 - Field Trip fund is almost depleted
 - Advised to hold off any additional spending/allocations of council funds until better sense of revenue from upcoming fundraisers.

Topic 6: Fundraising Updates

- Dance-A-Thon
 - Rachel presented the following information:
 - Everything is purchased and ready to go!
 - Still looking for a DJ as our current DJ is unable to attend
 - BEACH THEME!
 - Will need to acquire a float for cash sales – Laura will assist with this the day before
- Movie Night April 4th
- Seed Fundraiser/Veseys
 - No representatives to speak to this fundraiser – Randall will follow up with Stacy about this fundraiser.
- Rainbarrels
 - Mixed opinion on whether or not this would be suitable for the school demographic

Topic 7: Pro-Grant Update

- None at this time

Topic 8: Kindie Team Report

- No staff present to report

Topic 9: Greening Update

- It's icy out there ;)

Topic 10: End of Year Celebration Update

- A few things have been booked, will revisit this more after the Dance-A-Thon
- **Wednesday JUNE 19th! Mark Your Calendars**

Topic 11: In other news...?

Topic 12: Next meeting date: April 16th, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 7:37pm. Next meeting date Tuesday April 16th, 2019

(2018-2019 Meeting dates: NO MARCH MEETING, April 16th, May 21st, June TBD)