

April 16th, 2019 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library
6:30pm

Date: April 16, 2019

Meeting Called by: Randal Wagner

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Randal Wagner, Lisa Laverick-Worth, Shashana Hare, Leigh Thompson, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Rachel Cooper, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Pia Marquardt, Karie Bilger, Dana Greenlaw

Regrets: Leah Sadler

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Review and approval of February 2019 meeting minutes

- Karie made a motion to approve the February minutes, Leigh seconded. All in favour.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

- Randal presented the following information:
 - 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).
 - Possibly looking into spirit-wear for the spring or fall.
 - o We're having a **refresh of the library** – new painting/carpet/vinyl flooring. Moving towards being a “Learning Commons” with science kits, maker's kits, etc. The available budget is \$25 000 (from Board Renewal) to cover those upgrades. **These renovations are due to start May 6th!**
 - There are some pieces of furniture (e.g. couches/circulation desk) that will need to be purchased outside of the available funds. So it is worth looking at doing some fundraising (roughly \$13000) as council to help with this (e.g. spirit wear)
 - Discussion around whether or not this is feasible for council to take on at the moment.
 - o Diversity Survey that just went out from the Board – it is voluntary and anonymous and available to staff, students, parents. It can be found on the website and the app.
 - o New SWIS (Settlement Worker In School) worker at Paisley Road - Ali Zaidi
 - o Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) event April 17th in Fergus
 - o School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement
 - It can be found on our website
 - Focusing on student well-being - activities in the school support that (e.g. Zumba, Yoga, gardening) – as well as academics. More info found on the website.

- The school has acquired a PRIDE flag – and will be getting the feedback from council before flying the flag during Pride Week.
- No Book Fair this year due to library renovations.

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Laura presented the following information with attached Budget spreadsheet.
 - Pizza – currently net proceeds at just over \$11 000, but doesn't take into account expenses for the rest of the year. We have collected money for this round of pizza, and the next. The last round is still open for people who have not yet ordered. Estimated proceeds will be around \$6500...which is not enough for what we have allocated (\$8300). Field trips have already been spent (\$4500). Other allocations include: Others (\$750 – some leftover). Kindie Yard (\$1000, only \$125 spent so far) Greening (\$1000 - spent) and Forest of Reading (\$1000 – unknown what has been spent). Council proposed no more spending on Kindie yard and take out \$500 from Forest of Reading.
 - Native Seed Fundraiser - so far net revenue is at \$1200. We will hold off an allocating this amount.
 - Dance-A-Thon – net proceeds \$5294.57 (more than the projected \$3500)
 - Classroom funds – some confusion over this fund. Was based on there being 28 teachers and each teacher receiving \$100, it seems more funds have been withdrawn. Randal and Laura will clear this up with the school account.
 - Music – allotted \$1000 still remains.

Topic 5: Fundraising Updates

- Pizza – Reconsider Cash-Online only system for pizza (possibly move back to joint system but with pre-sales only / no day-of. Possibly purchase tokens in advance / day-of). Concerns from teachers. Reconsider for next year? Need to address day-of pizza system. Students becoming dependent on it, yet no guarantee that there will be pizza available. We need more volunteers. We will finish out the year with the current system, but next year we need a new system.
- Dance-A-Thon
 - Rachel presented the following information: \$5300 profit – excellent success. Great volunteer turnout. Feedback: mystery prize that is a random draw rather than fundraising totals.
- Movie Night – 17 families w/ pre-orders. \$200 profit but a good community event. Proposal – introduce a weekend event to open it up to more people (younger children).
- Seed Fundraiser/Veseys - \$1236 profit with ¼ student participation for Native seeds.

Topic 6: Pro-Grant Update

- Four staff have come forward and said they are happy to help out with the Math evening, but Randal feels it should likely be canceled since the library will be under renovation at that time. Maybe it's one of these things we choose not to pursue at the moment? There is talk about using some of this money to hire The Making Box to be at the year end celebration – with a focus on being Upstanders/Building Healthy Relationships.

- Randal will email Leah, and Rachel will follow up with the Making Box

Topic 7: Kindie Team Report

- No staff present to report but request for council to fund Kindie bags for upcoming year (~\$400). Funds remaining from kindie yard can be transferred. Council would like to add some materials (note about council + end of year event) to the bag.

Topic 8: Greening Update

- No update.

Topic 9: End of Year Celebration Update

- **Wednesday JUNE 19th! Mark Your Calendars**
- Secured: water wagon, Sandra the Clown.
- Possible: fire fighters, police, Guelph Storms, Energize, garden centers, Nighthawks, GRCA, Wild Ontario, SEED (for healthy snack option).
- Solidify bake sale details. Last year we sold out very early in the evening.
- Possible book exchange – “bring a book, take a book”
- Popcorn machine - can we get ours fixed or should we consider buying a new one (~\$250)? We will try to fix first, then consider buying later.
- We need a sub-committee with volunteers.
- \$1000 starting budget.

Topic 10: In other news...?

- Grade 6 Graduation – Last year Sue Brown purchased locks which were presented to graduating students (last year approximately \$250 but this year more kids and more expensive locks so need is about \$450). Council agrees that it’s a nice tradition, worth continuing.
- Proposal (Dana): May #trashtag (family clean-ups challenge w/ before and after pictures – prize provided by local company). Would need a teacher / parent to oversee organization. This could be a board wide event.
- Proposal (Lisa): The School Yard Survey (CBC) – asking kids / parents / teachers to rate their playgrounds.

Topic 11: Next meeting date: May 21st, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 8:18pm. Next meeting date Tuesday May 21st, 2019

(2018-2019 Meeting dates: May 21st, June TBD)