

September 17th, 2019 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library

6:30pm

Date: September 17, 2019

Meeting Called by: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Randal Wagner, Lisa Laverick-Worth, Sheena Grinwis, Jessica McLennan, Naima Mohomood, Leigh Thompson, Andria Bitton, Sara Kaufman, Kathlyn Thompson, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Karie Bilger, Jason Dalgleish

Regrets: Rachel Cooper, Dana Greenlaw

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

- Lisa welcomed attendees and led introductions around the table.

Topic 2: Principal's Report

- Randal and Sheena presented the following information:
 - Welcome to Sheena Grinwis (VP - 0.7, SERT - 0.3, with FI)
 - Welcome Back Assembly last week:
 - Went over using your WITS, Making Box came in and did some lessons on respect (main theme of year: respect yourself, others, environment). Teachers used these exercises in the classrooms with the students.
 - Lots of new staff at Paisley
 - We're trying something new!
 - Flipped the recesses/nutrition breaks (go outside first, and then have lunch time)
 - Seems to be going well and teachers have noticed a better tone outside
 - School Improvement Plan
 - Can be found on the website, it's important to have a focus for where we want to go
 - Some Upcoming Events
 - **Meet the Teacher Night September 25th (5:30-7pm)**
 - Someone will be here to help parents get set-up with the UG CONNECT
 - **September 26th - Terry Fox Run**
 - **September 27th - PD DAY**
 - **September 30th - Orange shirt Day** (understanding the impact of residential schools in the spirit of reconciliation and hope)

- The SWIS (Settlement Worker in School) is hosting a Computer Literacy Class **Thursday Sept 19, 26, and Oct 3**
- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser for furniture mid-October
 - One-time deal. Not something we do a lot (has not been done in the last 5 years) but it is a lucrative fundraiser to help purchase needed items/furniture for the library.
- After school 8 week STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math) program for 10 Junior Girls (Gr. 4-6)
 - Received a grant to offer this program

Topic 3: Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Laura presented the following information
 - School's account was temporarily frozen, should be accessible now. Laura doesn't have all the current numbers because of that.
 - Allocations from June 2019 meeting:
 - **2019/2020 School Year Allocations:**
 - Playground Maintenance Fund top up \$141.25
 - Library Top up to \$1500 \$327.40
 - Gift for Grade 6 Grads \$500.00
 - Family Fun Night \$1,000.00
 - Classroom Fund \$2,700.00
 - Staff appreciation Breakfast \$300.00
 - Greening Maintenance Fund \$500.00
 - School Sign Replacement Fund \$1,000.00 (need to discuss plans for sign repair)

\$6,468.65

Topic 4: Fundraising Planning/Fund Allocation

- School Nutrition Program
 - Access to healthy foods/lunches/snacks for kids who are in need. Spearheaded by Meghan Wadleigh with the assistance of a nutritionist from the University of Guelph who comes in and teaches students about healthy eating.
 - Hot Dog days will help raise some money to support this program.
 - Staff will have monthly hot lunches and a percentage of those sales will also go to support this program.
 - Council will be approached about supporting this venture over the course of the year.
- Pizza (presented by Stacy R-M)
 - First notice has gone home to parents.
 - Planning to do a survey about gluten/dairy-free options.

- Now with Pizza-la-Villa and very happy with their product and service, and the price point is much better.
- Pizza supports a lot of different areas (library, forest of reading, tech - also mostly a slush fund)

- Movie Nights
 - No movie nights this Fall, will revisit in January

- Dance-A-Thon
- Holiday Craft Sale
- Veseys/seeds?
- Will discuss more at next meeting, but mostly keeping them business as usual.
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Topic 5: Pro-Grant

- Haven't heard anything this year about Pro-Grants...there are many cuts with this Government.

Topic 6: Kindie Team Update

- Kindergarteners did not go to the first assembly but will be attending the assembly on Friday to get some practice.
- Teachers will be setting up Family Fridays again this year (opportunity for families to come in and see the classroom - mini-open house)
- Field Trips: Looking to do at least one outdoor field trip, and trip to Art Factory
- Grade 3 Kindie Helpers in the JK yard - super helpful!
- Two new bikes in the JK yard, and Mr. Sennitt made a mud kitchen and Mme. Mackenzie will also be bringing a mud kitchen to add to the yard.

Topic 7: Review of executive positions

- Lisa Laverick-Worth (current Chair)
- Annica Napier (current Secretary)
- Laura Vander(current Treasurer)
- If any one has any interest in these positions talk to Lisa and elections will happen at the October meeting.

Topic 8: In other News

- Meet the Teacher Night (Wednesday September 25th 5:30-7:00pm)
 - Will have a table for School Council with info about getting involved, signing up
 - Will supply cookies/treats for families

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm. Next meeting date Tuesday October 15th, 2019

(2019-2020 Meeting dates: October 15th, November 19th)