

January 21st, 2019 École Paisley Road School – School Council Minutes

PRPS Library

6:30pm

Date: January 21, 2019

Meeting Called by: Lisa Laverick-Worth

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Randal Wagner, Lisa Laverick-Worth, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Karie Bilger, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Sheena Grinwis, Robin Foster, Andria Bitton, Greg Routenburg

Regrets: Leigh Thompson

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

Topic 2: Review and approval of November 2019 Minutes

- We will wait and approve November minutes at the next meeting as they were not available to review at this meeting.

Topic 3: Principal's Report

- Randall presented the following information:
 - Not a lot going on right now with the current job action.
 - Winter Showcase was a huge hit! The students did music performances. Well attended by parents.
 - Library:
 - New tables are in!
 - Kids are using the 3D printers and staff are working to develop good projects for the kids to work on.
 - Setting the goal of getting a TV in every classroom so that broadcasts from the tech room in the library could be shown in every class
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Waste Audit (January 30th)
 - Mandated by the ministry, checking out the garbage to ensure things have been disposed of properly.
 - A good reminder of how much waste is produced and a conversation starter for how we can reduce our consumption.
 - PD Day January 31st
 - National Sweater Day...we'll be turning our heat down 2 degrees Feb. 6th
 - Family Day February 17th
 - Letter will be going home tomorrow from Martha Rogers, Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer.

- There will not be First Term report cards this year because of the current job action and union-government bargaining. More explanation will be provided in the letter.

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Craft Sale was a success: We brought in just over \$2000! That will fund Forest of Reading with some surplus. In May we can discuss where to allocate the surplus.
- Lots of positive feedback about the Pizza (from Pizza-la-Villa) since switching providers.
- Laura got an email from Dan (from the Neighbourhood Group Coalition) and he said there are a couple sessions of Scientists in the School we could partake in. They occur after school so would need some involvement from parents.
 - It was proposed that we could hold the event during the time that council meets (February and April?). Possibly do a junior and a senior event. Laura will look more into this.

Topic 5: Fundraising Updates

- Pizza
 - **Still looking for volunteers to help with Pizza distribution (Thursdays at 12:30pm) [CLICK HERE](#)**
- Holiday Craft Sale
 - See above
- Dance-a-thon
 - Rachel has done a lot of coordinating already, envelopes have gone home, we are looking for volunteers to help with the event - **February 14th!**
- Native Seeds
 - We're not going to do this fundraiser this year, but opt to do it every other year instead.

Topic 6: Fund Allocation Requests

- We have allocated \$1000 to cover the shortfall in agenda cost, they only need \$700
- Randal has requested we top up the Emergency Fund as many funds have been used this year already. There are a few families in need at the moment. We will take the surplus from craft sale to top up the Emergency Fund by \$500. All were in favour.

Topic 7: Year end celebration - June - establish planning committee

- Greg contributed lots of ideas based on his experience with concession sales.
- Robin also has access to some equipment that could be used (e.g. soft-serve ice cream, etc).
- A committee will be formed in the next few months! Email

Topic 8: In Other News...

- Jennifer Gareau has inquired about the choir singing at the storm game, going ahead with parent volunteers (due to Strike action), but in showing solidarity with teachers it was decided against.

Topic 9: Next Meeting date

- Lisa proposed pushing the meeting back a week and scheduling it Feb. 25th.

2020 Meeting Dates: February 25th, no March meeting, April 21st, May 19th, June TBD)