



SPENCER AVENUE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, Sept. 12th 2016
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Spencer Ave. Library

Parent Attendees

Cari Mistry	Bonnie Gerrits	Lorrie Wren	Carol DiRamio
Melissa Irvine	Jenn Cobb-Brandt	Jen Hunt	Jackie Irwin
Nichole Hemming	Lisa Laidlaw	Laura Russell	Michelle Francis
Tricia Barrett	Laurie Taylor	Carrie Holden	Robyn Gougeon

Staff Attendees

Dianna Secord

Guest Attendees

N/A

1. Welcoming remarks

- Dianna welcomed and thanked all for coming
- Stated success of events because of our school community
- Thanks for what has been planned and the pre-planning that happened during the summer
- New staff – Tara Webb-planning; Kaitlin Langille-planning; Kathryn Weatherley-french; Christa-lee Scace-EA; Mrs. J. Wilson-4/5
- 2 staff are interested in attending school council meetings as the teacher rep- Sandra McLarnon and Jamie Wouters

2. Approval of June 2016 minutes

- Clarification on cost of transition place programs(\$500 per program) Council paid for 2 school paid for 1
- Spelling errors corrected
- Did not use addition funds to support ropes course
- Pasta lunch – trial will be on Tuesdays
- PIC money was in reference to 2015-2016 school year
- Motion – Lisa, 2nd – Laurie - approved

3. Final 2015-2016 Financials

- Summary of 2015-2016 budget presented
- Total Revenue \$18,815.56
- Total Expenses \$10,704.98
- Motion to transfer \$7,110.58 to Playground Fund and approved financial statement– approved

4. Council Elections

- Dianna read out job descriptions
- Nominations and Self Nominations were made
- Chair – Cari Mistry
- Co-Chair – Bonnie Gerrits
- Secretary – Carol DiRamio
- Treasurer – Lorrie Wren



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5. New Business

Lunch Report

- Tricia, Laurie, Michelle and Laura are the new lunch team; Michelle is the lunch volunteer coordinator
- Work was done in the summer to have the program up and running for September
- All set up on School Cash Online – Pizza, Subs, Pita, Fruit Cups, Booster Juice
- Motion – to pay for extra pizza for students in need as identified by staff – approved

Fall BBQ Plans

- Open House/Meet the Teacher Sept 22 5:30 – 7:30
- Discussion on what to offer – Chicken dinner, chicken on a bun, hot dogs
- Decision was to serve the marinated pulled chicken on a bun (sausage size) Our cost \$6.00 plus tax, Selling cost \$7.00as well as hot dogs for \$2.00, Juice box and water \$1.00
- The food will be pre-ordered online, and use a ticket systems on the evening to help with congestion.
- Cari offered to organize the event with the help of others
- The evening will need volunteers – Robin, Jen, Lisa, Bonnie, Cari, Melissa, Lorrie
- Motion to approve budget of \$700 – Melissa, 2nd – Bonnie – approved
- Grade 8's will be selling cookies as a fundraiser for their grad. They will be for available to purchase that evening.

Buddy Bench

- Previous discussion was to have a bench installed in the outdoor classroom and dedicated to Natasha Paterson (this year she would be graduating Grade 8)
- There is still interest of having a memorial at the school for Natasha, final plans were not made but are in the works. Council voted to support the build, no amount was discussed
- Discussion was to purchase a buddy bench for out in the yard. The buddy bench is there to provide a safe place for a student to make contact with others to initiate play.
- “Get in touch for Hutch” is an organization that provides a bench at a reduced cost as well as provides a talk to the students about mental illness. Our cost for the bench would be \$635. Action to purchase the bench was approved.

Sand Box

- Kindergarten sand box sand has now been removed due to public misuse resulting in contaminated sand
- The sand box itself was destroyed upon the removal
- Council had pre-approved \$300 to create a tarp for the sandbox
- Options are being discussed; this project is still in the works.

ProGrant

- We applied and received ProGrant money, \$992.00
- We will be hosting a “Jump2Math” family night
- Possible dates within October 17-21
- Members are working on having the pumpkin sale coincide with Jump2Math night

PIC

- Carrie reported that any funds spent from the money donated by PIC (\$500), must have receipts accompanying the purchase, otherwise we will not be reimbursed

By-Law Amendments

- Did not get to this topic

6. Year at a glance/Planning

- No discussion on this topic



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Future Meeting Topics

- By-Law Amendments
- Spirit Wear

Next Meeting

October 6 – 6:30 in the library
1st Thursdays of the month

Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: LW