



SPENCER AVENUE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, Oct. 6th 2016
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Spencer Ave. Library

Parent Attendees

Cari Mistry
Melissa Irvine
Laurie Taylor

Bonnie Gerrits
Jen Hunt
Tricia Barrett

Lorrie Wren
Jackie Irwin

Carol DiRamio
Laura Russell

Staff Attendees

Dianna Secord
Jamie Wouters

Guest Attendees

N/A

1. Approval of September 2016 minutes

- Motion to accept draft minutes: Laura Russell; seconded by: Melissa Irvine. Motion passed by council unanimously.
- Cari to forward last year's minutes to Dianna for posting to the school web site.

2. Proposed By-Law Amendments

- Added clarifications to the proposed by-law amendment to state that a voting member is defined as any parent member who has attended 3 meetings of the past 6 consecutive council meetings, including the meeting in which the vote takes place.
- Motion to accept proposed by-law amendment: Jennifer Hunt; seconded by: Lorrie Wren. Motion passed by council unanimously.

3. Welcoming remarks

- Dianna welcomed and thanked all for their hard work putting together the school BBQ
- Asked for clarity of Math Night / Pumpkin Sale organization: pumpkins will be outside, math activities in the gym, pasta to be served in a ground-floor classroom – Dianna will find out which classroom is available.
- Asked if council would be okay with Mrs. McLarnon holding the Scholastic Book Fair and some Maker Space demonstrations in the library at the same time as Math Night. Council agreed that this would be a good idea.
- Dianna informed council of upcoming implementation of BYOD (bring your own device) for upper grades.
- Dianna and Jamie asked for specifics about the grade 8 cookie fundraiser opportunity offered to them by council: the cookie fundraiser has been offered to grade 8's in lieu of any donation from council for graduation party expenses. If the grade 8's fundraise using the cookies, council will not give them any money at grad time. This was offered as a compromise because of the request for more funding for graduation last school year.
- Dianna informed council that Digital Saturday will be held at Spencer Ave on Sat. Nov. 26th from 9am-noon. If 50 families from Spencer attend the event, there will be a Chrome Book donation to the school.

4. Report on Fall BBQ

- Cari – BBQ went well, but will not happen next year due to the amount of labour needed for very little fundraising profit. Next year's meet the teacher night may have coffee & doughnuts or something else that is less work for council.
- Lorrie – financials will be ready next month as receipts are still coming in



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5. Buddy Bench

- Melissa – presentation of bench and talk with the students will take place Nov. 29th at 9am. The cost of the bench was \$635.

6. Memorial Bench

- Chad (family friend and carpenter) talked with Dianna about construction and placement of the bench. They decided to locate the bench inside the Library to avoid possible vandalism if it were outside. Chad will design the bench so that if the Board health and safety inspector deems it unsafe as a bench, it could be used as a display shelf for Maker Space items.
- Motion to pre-approve \$250 for Chad's materials: Cari Mistry; council unanimously approved.

7. Math Night / Pumpkin Sale

- Besley's Farm (our main pumpkin supplier last year) now requires a tax receipt for donation of pumpkins. The board will not allow us to give a receipt. Premier Equipment has donated \$150 for school council to buy pumpkins from Besley's Farm for the pumpkin sale.
- Need volunteers to pick the pumpkins at Besley's Sunday Oct 16th.
- If not all pumpkins are sold on Math Night, the rest will be sold by Melissa and helpers the following Saturday.
- Bonnie requests approval to purchase disposable dishes for the pasta to be served at Math Night and also to be used on Pasta Days – \$500 – unanimously approved.

8. Christmas Fair

- A poll was sent out via email and the decision is to hold the fair Dec 10th from 9am to 1pm.
- Dianna to book 25-30 tables for use that day ASAP.
- Last year's photographer will not be at this year's fair due to low participation and high labour input on her part. Cari suggests replacing the Santa photo with a "photo booth" where we supply Christmas props and have a volunteer take photos of people using their own phone/camera.
- Vendor table price is \$25; first dibs go to Spencer parent entrepreneurs, after that Cari will look at the proposed vendor and decide if they fit with our fair and other vendors.
- Need volunteers for running carnival games (grade 8's?) and bake sale (Melissa?)
- Christmas Fair subcommittee volunteers: Cari, Laura, Jen, Bonnie
- Jamie to talk to her grade 8 students about possibility of baking gingerbread houses for all classes to decorate; houses could be voted on at the fair and given away. Will also talk to her grade 8's about running the carnival games.
- Pre-approval of expenses for \$250 motioned by Cari, seconded by Lorrie – approved.

9. Movie Night

- Debbie from Criterion has confirmed that we do have a valid licence to show the listed films. We will get to show 1 pre-release movie free; after that pre-release movies are \$175/showing. Movies already available to rent are free to show any time. Criterion can mail us a DVD that we have to pay to mail back, or we can use a DVD that someone already owns/school council purchases.
- Laura asks for pre-approval to buy Halloween candy to sell at the movie nights - \$200 approved.
- Will use pre-packaged Kernels popcorn so that left overs can be used on Pop Corn Days.
- Pizza will be pre-ordered via Cash Online.
- Proposed first Movie Night Thursday Nov 24th showing Elf from 5:30 – 8:30
- Cari suggests that we could have students vote on a movie to encourage greater turn-out.
- Bonnie, Jackie, Jen and Tricia volunteer to help on Nov 24th.

10. Spirit Wear

- Hockey-hat sale will not be handled by council because the Teacher wanting to run the fundraiser wants the money to go to her specific cause. Any money raised by council must go through the 50/40/10 split that was voted on at the beginning of the year.



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- Pink anti-bullying shirt sales will be postponed to a date closer to anti-bullying day in spring.
- May run an order of regular spirit wear soon because parents have been asking council members when blue Spencer shirts will be available.
- May need to revisit our spirit wear vendor because other vendors may be able to accommodate ordering year-round by parents online.

11. Treasurer's Report

- Delayed to next month because receipts are still coming in and the meeting ran over-time.

Next Meeting

November 3rd – 6:30 in the library

1st Thursdays of the month

Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: CD