



SPENCER AVENUE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Apr. 12th 2017
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Spencer Ave. Library

Parent Attendees

Cari Mistry
Tricia Barrett

Lorrie Wren
Lisa Laidlaw

Carol DiRamio
Jackie Irwin

Bonnie Gerritts
Laurie Taylor

Staff Attendees

Dianna Secord

Guest Attendees

N/A

1. Approval of March 2017 minutes
 - Motion to accept draft minutes: Lisa L.; seconded by: Tricia B. Motion passed by council unanimously.
2. Principal's Report – Dianna Secord
 - The new French Immersion zoning will not affect our school for a while, maybe years.
 - The 10 classroom extension to the school was approved, but may or may not happen. There may be portables before any permanent extension.
 - Dianna contacted the board about determining safe space to put outdoor equipment.
 - The teachers are having students make art for the fun night art sale.
3. Family Fun Night – Lisa Laidlaw
 - Vendor numbers are looking good; 15 so far.
 - Four food trucks will be there (Shopsey's, Kona Ice, Road Grill and Delight Bite).
 - Silent auction donations are going well.
 - Orangeville Hydro was not available to do bucket truck rides. Lisa is still waiting to hear from paramedics and the fire department.
 - Far Shot requested to do an axe throwing or archery demonstration, but this is not allowed due to safety concerns.
 - Active Diversions is not available for a demo that night.
 - Cycling Elements may do a bicycle course outside, depending on weather.
 - If the weather is nice maybe we could have some soccer balls outside to entertain the kids.
 - RBC is 98% positive they can send volunteers, but because we are not a charity they may not be able to offer fund matching; Scotia Bank has not gotten back to us.
 - Dianna to see if tables are available to borrow from Montgomery or Westside because the board's tables are booked.
 - Dianna to expect silent auction donations to be delivered to the school soon.
 - Laurie to contact Orangeville A's about attending and perhaps doing a presentation.
4. Outdoor Equipment/Fundscrip – Carol DiRamio
 - The subcommittee met and selected three companies to contact about doing a proposal for the outdoor equipment. The three companies all offer natural playgrounds, which the sub-committee felt would better suit our school because of the limited space we have to work with.
 - The sub-committee would like to suggest that our fund splitting structure is changed for next year so that the majority of funds can go to outdoor equipment (because the equipment is very expensive, e.g. \$7000 for a slide).



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Council agrees to discuss restructuring of our fund allocation (for the rest of this year) at the May meeting and fund allocation (for next year) at the June meeting.

- Cari to advertise to regular council parents that significant fund allocation decisions will be made at the May meeting (i.e. distribute the agenda).
 - Lorrie to summarize our usual monetary commitments so that we can make an informed decision about fund allocation at the May meeting.
 - We need to think of a way to remind people that there are attendance requirements for having a vote on fund spending before we make outdoor equipment spending decisions in the fall.
 - The sub-committee identified FundScrip as a possible fundraiser to raise the large sum that would be needed for an outdoor equipment project. Cari to create a presentation board to display at family fun night that will explain the program to parents. The version of the program that would yield the most funds is “paper” ordering (parents could use CashOnline) with cards distributed by council. However, during the summer months we may want an online direct-delivery campaign; we just need to inform parents of the drastic reduction in funds raised when credit cards are used to order online.
 - Bonnie to see if the MAPS parent council could speak about their fundraising/outdoor equipment experience at the June meeting (proposed date of June 6th, depending on their availability).
5. Staff Appreciation – Bonnie Gerritts
- The plan for staff appreciation week is breakfast on Monday, lunch on Friday, both catered by Bistro Riviere.
 - Bonnie requests a pre-approval for expenses such as drinks, fruit and flowers for tables. Last year’s staff appreciation cost \$509.85 including catering. Council approves a \$500 budget for this year.
6. Movie Night – Bonnie Gerritts
- We have been offered a free new release of Lego Batman to make up for the Monster Trucks DVD not working at the last movie night.
 - June 8th is the proposed next Movie Night. Dianna to check gym availability.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Lorrie Wren
- Our balance is \$29k including \$14k already allocated to outdoor equipment and wish list items. We still have final food invoices pending and the pink T-shirt invoice.
 - Movie Nights (Nov & March) made about \$419 this year.
 - Dianna to see if she can get volunteer T-shirts thrown in with her track & field shirt order. Sizes Large and XL, qty 5 or 10 each.
 - Left to allocate is \$500 for grade 8 grad, something for Maker’s Space, \$100 for kindergarten grad, \$500 for staff appreciation. Left to come in is family fun night (est. \$5k). Which leaves about \$14k to split between outdoor equipment and maker’s space.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, May 9th – 6:30 in the library

Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: CD