

Victoria Terrace School Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018

Attendance:

Jennifer Kentner, Carolyn Black, Alexis Steinke, Meggin Fitzpatrick, Jacki Gansekoele, Alyssa Henry, Wilma Shannon

Regrets:

Laurie Vonk

Meeting called to order by Jacki @ 7:00

Fundraising

Cookbook

Cookbooks were presented as a fundraising option during the 2017/2018 year; however, we did not have enough time to put it together so it was deferred to the 2018/2019 year. Jacqui has everything ready to go, but do we want to move forward with this particular company. It would be nice to include art from the students with the books. Bigger books are easier to use when you are trying to cook and read. If we create our own books, we can have a contest for the kids to make the cover. The winner can receive a free cook book. There are about 160 families at VTPS. We will get a quote for 200. Send out an order form to get the money and the recipe submission form at the same time. This will help with ordering.

ACTION:

1. Jennifer to reach out to Fergus Printing for a quote to make our own.

Dance-a-thon

The Dance-a-thon will take place on Nov 1 to coincide with the PD Day.

ACTION:

1. Wilma will put it out to the staff for October 26.

Jingle Mingle

The Jingle Mingle will take place on December 6 from 6:30 – 8:00

Meet the teacher night

Meet the teacher night will take place on September 13, 2018. We will put up a PTA board and posters to gain awareness. We will supply cookies but forgo juice – water fountains are available.

Insurance

Council approved \$200 for insurance coverage.

Meeting Schedule

First Monday of the month is an easy schedule to follow, so we will stick with that; however, we will start earlier at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

Play Ground

The tetherballs were damaged, but an apology has been sent out and they have been repaired. The mud kitchen was broken over the summer. The mud kitchen is a permanent structure and we are unable to put it away for the summer.

School Crossing

Parking is always an issue. There needs to be a permanent solution. Something needs to be done at Forfar and Victoria Terrace, before someone gets hurt.

ACTION:

1. Alexis will reach out to town and OPP.
2. Remind parents that there is parking on Forfar, but they can't be right at the corner so that people can see at the intersection.

Monthly Assemblies

John Black has assemblies that are run by the older students. This develops engagement. Per Wilma there is a student council at VTPS and they engaged with spirit days and public service announcements. There are 2 kids from every classroom that are picked by their peers.

Treasurer's report

The tether balls and basketball hoops were paid for. The remaining balance is \$14,888.

Principals Report

It has been a wonderful first week back. The official enrolment is 203 students, which is up from last year.

Class organization for September is as follows:

KA Mrs. Ososki, Ms. Bryan

KB Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Wollis

Grade 1/2 Mrs. Vonk

Grade 1/2 Mrs. Caunter

Grade 2/3 Mrs. Alessio

Grade 3/4 Ms. Mark

Grade 4/5 Mr. Pellar

Grade 5/6 Mrs. Burns-Pinkney

Core French Mme Buczkowski
Developmental Learning Mrs. Murray
Resource Ms. Dammeier, Mrs. Shannon
Teacher-Librarian Mrs. Collier
Planning Time Mrs. Collier, Ms. Spencer
CYC Ms. Spindley
Office Coordinator Mrs. Wilson
Custodian Mr. Baker
Principal Mrs. Shannon

The \$500 School Council grant will go towards paying for agendas for every student in grade 1 to 6

We welcome new staff

- Jennifer Ososki
- Nicole LenseLink
- Jenna Wollis
- Karen Spencer
- Patricia Buczkowski

Prayer Walkers walk along the east side of VTPC and the south side of Forfar before 8:00am and after 4:00pm. We are appreciative of the community members who are interested in supporting our students well being in this way.

Parking areas designated by Center Wellington with Student Drop off/Pick-up between the two driveways have been working well for the first week to reduce congestion at the front of the school, with only a few reminders needed.

Snack program is up and running again under the direction of Tara Armstrong and with help from parent volunteers including Michelle Onifrichuk. Snacks for 1st break and supplements for lunch 2nd break as needed are available for all students. We appreciate the donation of \$1000 from our local RBC.

Students and kids in the community are enjoying the equipment that has been installed this summer.

Teachers have requested support from PTA for one scientist in the classroom presentation per classroom. This was approved by council.

The Victoria Terrace Public School Dress Code was revised in February of 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting – Monday October 1, 2018