

Churchill Public School
School Council
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Monday September 19, 2016

Members Present: Jenn Turner, Leah & Jeff Anderson, Jiayun Huang, Ann Blanchette, Aynsley Donohue, Leila Seyed Mirzaei, Sadia Khan, Ada Robinson, Katie Clarke, Elisa Palter, Jen Kennedy, Howard Arfin, Georgina Phillips, Salima Nariji, Kristin Schultz, Alan Christie, Bryan Yeo, Jenny Yeo, Carm McCormick, Mary Ginis-Heale, Lisa Howey, Shahriar Nikkhah, David Sadeghi, Michael Sheehan (teacher rep), Laura Slater (principal)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Carm welcome and meeting brought to order at 7:00 pm

2. Adoption/review of past minutes

Mary Ginis-Heale motion to adopt minutes, Elisa Palter second

3. Reports

Treasurer Report (Mary Ginis-Heale)

-presented budget from School Council, summarized what school fundraising dollars are used for.

Motion to approve budget as presented made by Georgina Phillips, second by Ann Blanchette.

-questions were asked regarding Scientist in the School program, comment that fundraising at the school is most often linked to community building

Teacher Report (Michael Sheehan)

Thank you to School Council for organizing upcoming pizza lunches and Welcome Back BarBQ

Thank you in advance for continuing to provide teachers discretionary funds

Extra-curriculars have started, cross-country practices Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:15 am

SHARP. Many students participating, Mr. Lee, Mr. Richmond and Ms. Najman running.

Eco-Club again this year for Grades 4&5 students, Mr. Grad.

House colour teams

Review of Churchill agreements, September focus is Respect, October is Responsibility

Upcoming important dates: Sept 29 curriculum night and Welcome Back Bbq, Book fair will be

held week of Sept 26. Terry Fox day Sept. 30. Pizza lunch Sept 30. Photo Day October 6, P.A. Day October 7

All students should now have indoor shoes at school, please ensure that all items sent to school are labelled.

Lunch – please send reusable utensils if your child needs utensils for lunch

Teacher-Parent communication – Agendas go home each day with students in Grades 1 – 5, Friday files go home each Friday to be returned on Monday

Please ensure that permission forms are filled out clearly and completely, with first and last names

Volunteers are welcome, please speak to your child's teacher

-all volunteers in the school require a police reference check

Drop-off and pick-up – please ensure that your child's teacher is aware of who is picking up your child and let the school know if it will be someone different than usual

Principal Report (Laura Slater)

Realignment – currently have 4 kindergarten classes with 35-36 students/class. Will be gaining a 5th full class, result will be 28-29 children/class. Many factors considered in formation of the class, will require movement also of music room, hope to have new class started by next Monday. Parents of

children affected by realignment will be notified by letter.

Grade 3 screening – TDSB will screen all grade 3 students (Cognitive Abilities Test), more information will be sent home for grade 3 parents

Ontario's renewed mathematics strategy – 60 minutes of daily math

EQAO scores will be made public on Wednesday Sept 21

4. School Council Activities/Updates

PROGrant – last school year held a math night, School Council applied and received another grant for this school year to be used for similar event. More planning and details will occur later in the school year.

Many events are planned for the upcoming school year, see attached calendar.

Upcoming – Welcome Back BBQ September 29 5-7 pm – volunteers still needed

Acorn Cards – fundraiser will run again this year, starting in October, volunteer needed to shadow Katie Clarke who currently runs this event. Will have small display of sample items at Welcome Back BBQ

First Pizza lunch – Friday September 30 – volunteers needed to run

Class Parent Reps – a parent to act as a communication liaison between teacher and parents of all students in the class, communicate dates, events, recruit volunteers for School Council events, etc. Please contact School Council if interested in more information

School Statement of Needs – a profile of the school prepared by the school council and parent community to state the needs of the school in leadership, teaching, etc. School Council will provide to parent community for review.

5. Other Business

Ann Blanchette introduced, contact person for traffic safety, Public Health Liaison

Ann Blanchette motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Georgina Phillips
meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.