

Givins/Shaw Council Meeting Agenda June 22, 2016 6:15

Parents Attended:

Michael Candeloro, Cadence Wade, Jennifer Canham, Dale McIntosh, Penny Pantazopoulos, Shannon Groulx, Pauline Dolovich, Myfanwy Marshall, Alison Carey, Lorna Fotiadou, Tansa Chattopadhyay

*Apologies if someone was missed or if a name is spelled incorrectly

Staff Attended:

Principal Nadira Persaud

Principal's Report

Nadira said that she was happy to be back to finish the school year.

She reported that class placements have been finalized and that considerable time was spent on the process. Placement information, she said, will be included in the June report card.

While room usage has been finalized, administration is taking a closer look at the two smaller Kindergarten rooms, Rooms 6 and 7. The latter classrooms currently have fewer students than rooms 1 and 2.

Nadira is meeting with kindergarten teachers and daycare staff to discuss seating, display areas, storage, furniture distribution, etc.

Nadira said that a divider will be put in over the summer between room 6 and 7. Room 6 and 7 teachers will also be sharing the courtyard space.

Reports will be handed out June 28th. They will show the room and teacher for 2016/17 school year.

Nadira thanked council as well as Ms. Brammanis and members of the school's Arts Committee for bringing dancer Michelle Silagy (*Inner Rhythm Project*) to our school. The feedback from students and staff was very positive.

A Technology Update was provided. 10 iPads were purchased using school funds. Teachers have been signing out the iPads. 1 primary (Mr. Smith) and 1 junior teacher (Ms. Stockton) will be piloting 5 iPads in their classrooms until mid-fall. The two designated teachers will share how they used iPads in their classroom. Other teachers will have an opportunity to sign out iPads.

The plan is to purchase 10 more iPads next year, add 2 more teachers, and continue with teacher visits to schools/classrooms that have been successful in using iPads as a teaching tool.

Nadira called attention to school communication regarding staffing updates and next year's timetable. Families were reminded to clear out cubbies and check out the Lost and Found.

*Correction to response regarding next year's Music teacher: The Long Term Occasional teaching position advertised (ie. to replace Ms. Montanera) was filled by TDSB's Employee Services. Ms. Selane Codrington will join our staff in September as Music teacher.

Treasurer's Report

Total raised this year was approximately \$30,000 (Fun Fair raised the greatest amount of funds, just over \$20,000).

Budgeted expenses for full year was approximately \$38,000 and \$34,000 was spent (a few small expenses are still to come)

Over the summer Dale and Michael will work on proposed budget for 2016 – 2017 in collaboration with the Principal.

Treasurer's Report

22-Jun-16

	<u>Inflows</u>	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Net</u>
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	541	897	(356)
Wine raffle	1,700	-	1,700
Pancake breakfast	1,459	480	979
Clothing sale	488	-	488
Coffee sale	2,168	1,335	833
Cookie sale	1,549	900	649
School holiday party	-	437	(437)
Toonie Sale/Donations (Syrian Family)	2,163	2,163	-
Eco Hop	3,018	17	3,001
Bike Swap	65	-	65
Parent Band Night	1,705	-	1,705
Fun fair	30,388	9,992	20,395
Miscellaneous	842	-	842
Dundas West Fest	304	-	304
Movie Night (Nutrition Committee)	1,184	1,184	-
Total	<u>47,573</u>	<u>17,406</u>	<u>30,167</u>

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Under (Over)</u>
Budgeted Expenses			
Nutrition	9,500	9,500	-
Music/art/presentations	3,500	3,785	(285)
Eco/outdoor space	1,000	320	680
Classroom funds & Trips/Transportation (14 x \$800)	11,200	9,643	1,557
Music	1,000	411	589
Library/French	2,000	1,918	82
Sports / phys. Ed	2,000	2,012	(12)
Graduation	500	-	500
Technology Fund	5,000	4,800	200
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, and miscellaneous	2,000	1,740	260
Total	<u>37,700</u>	<u>34,129</u>	<u>3,571</u>

Year to Date Summary

Opening balance August 1, 2015	53,479
Prior fiscal payments/deposits	(3,013)
Net funds raised (above)	30,167
Council spending (above)	(34,129)
Cash position June 22, 2016	<u>46,504</u>

Like the start of this past school year, a survey will be sent out to parents to get input on where people are interested in funds being allocated.

Discussion on classroom funds was held - is there a better way to communicate better about the funds and to help teachers with planning for use of the funds. Discussion also included whether there were programs that could be brought into the school that could be accessed by more than one class and therefore get a broader benefit from the funds.

Nutrition Committee

Nutrition Committee sent out a brief survey to teachers to assess the value of the snack program to the kids and also to assess if there is significant food waste (i.e. snacks not getting eaten and being thrown out).

They will review this past year's menu, budget and prepare plans for 2016 – 2017.

Fun Fair Debrief

The numbers are almost all in for the Fun Fair and we are thrilled to report over \$20,000 for our school. Thanks to our donors, volunteers and all of the participants that day who made it an amazing success.

A special thank you to the committee leads for their volunteer efforts:

Sponsorship, Volunteers, Signage - Kate Hobson
Silent Auction - Alison Clarey, Bretton Fosbrook, Kate Greenaway, Donna Diakun + all the solicitors and helpers
Tickets - Jennifer Canham
Finance - Michael Candeloro
Indoor Food - Penny Pantazopoulos
BBQ - David Ginsberg
Stage - Shae Pirie
Spa - Heather Shaw
Face Painting - Violeta Hofer
Games/Prizes - Jeanie Calleja and Dana McLean
Tiny Tots - Lorna Fotiadou
MCs - Sean Cullen and Garth Nichols

As a survey was done last year on the Fair, there will not be another, but parents are welcome to send any comments/feedback to the council.

Class Reps

Generally believed that the class reps were useful. Different teachers use them to varying degrees. We will have them again in 2016 – 2017 but aim to get them

introduced earlier and continue to work on obtaining email addresses from each class more quickly and with greater ease.

Library

Mme Elena has asked for funding to contribute to the purchase of furniture for the library which would be used by the French classes and library. It was felt that it might be useful to get some design ideas for how best to use the space. Pauline agreed to have a look at the request and what she wanted to do.

Fall 2016 Events

There will be a curriculum evening in September (subject to the new principal just announced). Council will host a bbq that same night. Council will also set the dates for the Council meetings in the early fall for the first half of the year and make best efforts to set dates for fall events early on so people can get them in their calendars.

Council Positions

Myfanwy will review the overarching council position responsibilities and reach out to the chairs of each committee. The goal is that each committee will complete a template for a document to describe the committee and the role/responsibilities of volunteers. This is to assist parents in understanding time commitments and opportunities to volunteer that would fit within their other obligations.

Dale will reach out to the chairs to see who will stay on and which committees need a new chair. We will confirm the slate for 2016 – 2017 at our first meeting in September.

No update from TDSB on GS and 2017/2018 year regarding space/proposed changes. There was a TDSB board meeting on June 22nd. They should be releasing the decisions made there shortly after the meeting.

Thank you to the 2015 – 2016 Givins Shaw Council Committee and volunteers. Your time, efforts and support are valued.

Co-Chair – Jennifer Canham
Co-Chair – Dale McIntosh
Treasurer – Michael Candeloro
Secretary – Myfanwy Marshall
Communications – Dale McIntosh
Arts – Shae Pirie
Sports – David Cappelli
Technology – Garth Nichols, Vivien Rossteuscher
Eco – Donna Diakun
Nutrition – Penny Pantazopoulos

Meeting was adjourned with special thanks to Jennifer Canham for all her work as co-chair for the last two years!