### École Publique John Fisher

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday September 26, 2017**

**In attendance:**

Uma Beydilli

Erika Boone

Anne Carty

Radu Criveanu

M. Cristina Cuervo

Diana Diament

Liane Downs

Shari Dworkin

Cindy Frasier

Shamira Kassam

Shoko Kokuryo

Sandra Kwon

Andrew Lim

Laurell Look-Kin

Lisa Maclean

Mary Mowbray

Julia Norman

Marlee Peppiatt

Tanya Razek

Abeer Salim

Gino Smecca

Christina Thomas

Natahsa Upal

Meredith Weir

Nhu Yorke

Sogol Shams

**Principal:** Marlene Harroun

**Vice Principal:** Lee-Anne Maier

**Teachers:** None

1. Welcome

Tanya Razek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome and purpose of Council. Sign in sheet and voting.

1. Election

8 parents plus Principal and Vice- Principal will form the Executive. Teachers and French Connection staff are also welcome. Members are welcome.

Motion: All those on the sign in sheet as well as those who have previously indicated will be voting members of council.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

*Executive for 2017-2018*

Motion for Chair by Anne

Nominated - Tanya Razek

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion for Secretary by Tanya

Nominated - Julia Norman

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion for Treasurer by Meredith

Nominated - Lisa McLean

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion: For approval of the May 30, 2017 Parent Council meeting minutes.

Postponed until next meeting, October 17, 2017.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

1. School Committee Review

Numbers still under review - approximately $76K

Decision pending for Fall Fair whether those funds will be associated with this year or upcoming year. Typically funds raised are $8K. To be discussed at Finance Committee.

Committee Chairs:

* Lunch Committee - Leanne Downs
* Welcome & Recognition - Sandra Kwon
* Fall Fair - Bronwyn, Sara Reay
* Lice - Sogol
* French Education - amalgamated from Cultural & Education to monitor developments in education, to influence TDSB decisions and enrich cultural experiences such as Carnaval.
* Milk - Shoko - Volunteers needed for the distribution of the milk to the students. Discussion about Gr 6 volunteering for this role however, this is a safety issue with dairy allergies. Consideration to cancel the program, particularly noting the Lunch Program also provides milk 2x/week.

Motion to cancel the milk program and move milk funds to the emergency fund.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

* Kiss ‘n Ride - Katherine. Volunteers needed.
* Finance Committee members are confirmed:

Lisa McLean, Meredith Weir, Sean Weir, Laurell Look-Kin, Uma Bedilli, Shamira Kassam, Sogol Zaminian. Shery Levy, Marlee Peppiatt, Anne Abbass-Harkness, Christina Thomas

Committee Chairs are required for the following:

* Fundraising
* Direct Donations
* Fete - parent’s night out
* Health & Safety - Question about what is in scope for this committee? Discussion about how this committee relates to the Monitoring group versus Tower Committee
* Graduation
* Green
1. Erskine Building Tower Committee

Question about whether the purpose of the committee should be reviewed, particularly noting the third-party monitoring that is now in place. School Council, ECHO, TDSB, KG, school, neighbours association, French Connection, etc. form part of this monitoring group which meets monthly. No violations to date. Need to define a selection process for the Monitoring Committee. Suggestion to have two people who will provide continuity and the importance of having parent participation. Question - how are these two representatives selected and from which group? Consider someone familiar with the history, wiling to attend the monthly meetings.

Consider whether the Tower Committee might roll into the Health & Safety Committee - purpose is really about children’s health & safety. Comment made about the Monitoring group focus is only KG-TDSB agreement whereas the Tower Committee scope is broader such as communication with parents but the communication is now the responsibility of the TDSB.

Council agreed to merge the Tower Committee and Health & Safety to have a holistic approach and this committee will ensure there are two representatives for the monthly Monitoring Committee meetings.

1. Dates for School Council – Tanya

Tuesdays at 6:30pm - refer to website. Need to discuss child care costs for the meetings (approx. $350)

Oct 17

Nov 21

Jan 23

Feb 20

April 17

May 29

1. Admin Report - Marlene Harroun

Round table for attendees of the meeting.

Staff turnover – 11 new teachers, 1 position to be filled. M. Latimer now half time, so working to fill his position for Gr 1 (Salle 4).

Great start to the school year. Caretakers have done a really excellent job getting the school ready, particularly with all the work done over the summer. TDSB also made sure the work on the school was done on-time and in some cases ahead of schedule. Kids are really happy with the new playground, turf, etc. Routines have shifted with the changes.

Open House - new format including the passport and showcase.

School activities - School Cash Online is now up and running. Improves accountability and is very secure. Two step process: Registration and then Payment.

New lunch program - Rose Reisman. Main difference is that parents can order specific meals for their children.

Spirit wear - forms will come home soon. Two designs: Penguin or John Fisher

Food drive - will be more focused with a bit of competition with some other schools

Costume drive for Halloween - donate for newcomers.

Terry Fox - Assembly on Thursday and combined with Cut off. Run on Friday on the new track.

Cross-country - offered only to Grade 3-6 only and the KM club is for Grade 1-2

Soccer is starting in October

Orange shirt day is this Friday “every child matters” - TDSB initiative

New screening assessment for Gr 3s and starts in October over 4 days, 30min - parents will get results for each child

Acorn cards coming again this year

Busing - working through some issues. Feedback to Marlene, if anything noticed.

Thank you to the Executive

Meeting adjourned.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

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