

LILLIAN PS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held January 14, 2019

Attendees

Linda Merling-Brown, Priya Mangla, Lauren Feder, Kiki Vranjes, Jessika Nguyen, Sean Shapiro, May Marks, Peymaneh Pazikeh Rooh, Karen Makedon

The meeting of the School Council was called to order at 1.35 pm by Karen Makedon.

Approval of Minutes

May noted that the minutes from the November 2 meeting had an error in section 6, "School Wish List". The minutes were updated and approved post-Council meeting.

Principal's Report

Principal Linda Merling-Brown announced upcoming events on the school calendar. She stated that both the head and evening caretakers both bid on positions to other buildings and were successful. Lillian now has temporary staff until the positions are posted in February.

Old Business

School Council Insurance was purchased from AON on November 30 2018 for \$151.20 which will provide Coverage for School Council for any Council-run events until 1 November 2019.

Parent Survey – 78 families completed the online survey. Several action items were recommended in response to the survey and were discussed:

- *Lunch Lady hot lunch program* will start January 21 and run every Monday until the end of the school year. If there is enough interest, we can add more days.
- *School Cash online* – Council will send translated information for Cash Online to parents in separate emails. This will be in English, Farsi, Chinese, and Korean. Translated forms and emails will be sent to families as separate emails. Sean agreed to source a high level FAQ sheet from a bank explaining the security behind online transactions.
- *School Safety* –
 - January 4th, Karen submitted a police report online expressing concerns with traffic safety and attached the Parent Survey results. Awaiting response.
 - Sean to share information on the Walking School Bus initiative that can run in September.
- *School events* –
 - An anti-bullying magic show is scheduled for February 8.
 - Bag2School is planned for the spring – date to be announced at next Council Meeting.
 - A sub-committee meeting will meet in January to discuss the Neighborhood Yard Sale. Council and volunteers will be invited to sign up for various roles.
- *School Council Meetings* – Lauren to set up a Facetime account and test it with Council members before the March 1 meeting, giving parents the option to attend meetings virtually.

Treasurers Report

- Rachel Quan from TD bank completed the signing officer process.
- May reviewed the Financial Statement. \$1500 was allocated for a cultural performance (to be chosen by the Principal), \$900 for two anti-bullying magic shows in February, and \$200 was set aside for the Neighborhood Day & Yard Sale. Teachers have requested for consideration that any remaining funds at the end of the year be used to purchase more iPads for the classrooms.

Fundraising Update

- *Fairhaven Farms Honey Fundraiser* – Council agreed to launch a honey fundraiser in April which will offer 500g and 1 kg plastic tubs of liquid honey, priced at \$10 and \$20 respectively. All orders will be placed through Cash Online. Fairhaven Farm will come to the school to give a free presentation, one to juniors, and one to primary classes. A movie will be lent out for teachers to include in their curriculum.
- *Simple Fundraise / Sweets from the Earth* – Council members enjoyed the samples provided by Simple Fundraise. Given that several other food-related fundraisers are planned this year (honey, cookies for Camp Wanakita, possibly Kernels popcorn), Council decided to consider this fundraising activity for next year.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – March 1

- Staff Appreciation event details
- Bag2School date

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3.05 pm.