

LILLIAN PS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held May 10, 2019

Attendees

Linda Merling-Brown, Priya Mangla, Kiki Vranjes, May Marks, Shweta Kulklni, Sridevi Sudharsan, Karen Makedon

Regrets: Lauren Feder

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

Traffic Safety and Special Guests

- Peter Bouhs and Rocco from Parking Enforcement at Toronto Police Services met with Council to discuss the traffic issues at Lillian PS. They offered to come by the school a few more times before the end of the school year to monitor traffic and ticket violators.
- Peter and Rocco didn't have information on the Walking School Bus initiative. Council will look into for September.
- It's unlikely Lillian would qualify for a crossing guard as majority of students are bussed to school.
- Next year, Sick Kids will do another study on traffic safety. Their findings will be shared in a report with Principal Linda Merling-Brown.

Approval of Minutes

Council Chair Karen Makedon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Karen volunteered to be secretary. Minutes of the March 2 Council Meeting were approved by Kiki and seconded by May.

Principal's Report

- Linda discussed staffing for the TDSB's Extended Day Program (www://TDSB.on.ca/EDP) which accommodates 30 children per room and two ECEs. Currently 6 ECEs are confirmed at Lillian. We are losing 3 Lunch Room Supervisors due to the Extended Day Program as ECEs will cover lunch.
- Student numbers have gone up for next year, and we will have one more classroom.
- Linda shared plan for class room sizes. Majority of classrooms for next year will be split classes. There are class size caps in place for primary, but not for juniors.
- 'Welcome to Kindergarten' scheduled for May 24. Council agreed it would be nice to include information on Council in the kindergarten bag if there is sufficient time to prepare it.
- Important for parents to have their children attend class the within the first 2 weeks of school starting as this is when headcount is confirmed.

New Business

- Karen prepared a list of takeaways and key contacts to help the future executive and Council member with planning efforts. Shared with Council for comment and will be given to incoming Council in September.

Treasurers Report

- Council and Lillian will each contribute \$2,000 to purchase pack of 10 iPad 6's (32 GB) for students before the end of the year. Team jerseys for \$1000 to be purchased before year end.
- May recommends keeping \$1,000 of reserve in Council's account for September.
- A summary of Council activities to be added to the June newsletter to parents.
- PRO Grant – more information to be available in next few months.
- Council raised approximately \$8,500 this year which is approx. \$2,000 more than last year.

Fundraising Update

- *Cash Online* - The cash online only fundraisers we ran recently (honey, Kernels) helped encourage more parents to sign up for cash online. Currently cash online participation is at 65%, up from 60% at the start of school year. Council recommends to use only Cash Online going forward starting in September
- *Bag2School Clothing Drive* – Generated 700 kgs of clothing, a 40% increase from last year. Raised only \$140. Council to consider looking into a suitable not-for-profit alternative
- *Kernels Popcorn* – Generated \$218 before expenses. Sales via Cash Online only.
- *Fairhaven Farms Honey* – Sold 84 jars of honey, earning \$515 for the school. Honey will be delivered to the school on 14 May. Kiki, Priya, Srivdevi and Shweta volunteered to pack, sort and distribute honey to classrooms.
- *Lunch Lady* - Averaging 15 orders per week. Good feedback from students who ordered. Doesn't generate a lot of money but it's a convenience we offer to parents. No effort required from Council to run. Recommend continuing next year.
- *Spring Concert – Raffle for 2 front row seats* - Generated \$245 from draw. Recommend we continue to do raffle every year as there is minimal work required and no costs.
- *Vice Principal for Day – Raffle* - Will start Friday May 17. Raffle tickets will be sold at the office for \$2 cash. Karen will post flyers, print announcement for parents, create email and PA announcements.

Other

- Staff appreciation event planned Wednesday May 29. May coordinating.
- Council thanked Kiki for her dedication to Council over the years.

Agenda Items for Next Council Meeting

- Hallowe'en Costume Swap; Cultural Day; Curriculum Night – Council presentation; Honey sales for Holiday season

Date of Next Meeting

- School Council Elections scheduled for Friday September 20.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.