



Zion Heights MS – School Council Meeting #5

Wednesday February 23, 2022
6:30 PM to 7:30PM

Attendance

Principal Chi Le, teacher Mr. Singh, Ms. Helen Corulas, June Leung, Aaron Iravani, Terri Wen-Ying Sung, Dickson Liu, Seelan Visva, Jean Paul Ngana, Banasha Shah, Mojdeh Mojaradi, Katherine Whang, Kalan Chung, Kiran Asrani, Samson Chiu, Jenny Zeng, Hennedy Eng, May Li, Helena Li, Norman Lin, Ken Ng, Nasrin Shabestari, Jian Yao, Lu Wang

Trustee James Li in attendance

1. Land Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples”

2. Welcome

Co-chairs – Phouv and June

Good evening and welcome to the Fifth School Council Meeting. Thank you for joining us.

Trustee James Li in attendance.

Approve Agenda for the meeting – Motion: Aaron second: Katherine

Approval of January 22, 2021 meeting minutes – Postponed to the next Council meeting

3. Trustee Li’s Report

Zion Heights Middle School is one of the best school in our ward and we are very pleased to see such an amazing school all around.

TDSB update:

Medical grade (Grade 3 mask) masks for all students – Zion has not received shipment yet

The masks are costing the board approx. 8 cents per mask which is lot cheaper than if parents were to buy on their own.

Remote learning to continue for next year.

Community – New School to be built at the Canadian Tire site. This project was advanced from 2024 to 2022. Project is ~ 20 to 30 million dollars. The school will be for Grades 1 to 8, accommodating

400 to 600 students. Relatively a small site. The site is only 2 acres. The building will be tall and will have rooftop garden and underground parking.

Aaron: Air quality and noise pollution concerns with the school being so close to Highway 401. How did this get approved?

Trustee Li: Fast growing community – the school is intended for those that live in the condos south of Sheppard Ave. So they are already living in the area.

Question from Ken: CO2 monitoring and Mask mandate – will it continue? Will the TSDB source different sizes of masks?

Trustee Li: Mask will remain until advised from from TPH, CO2 monitoring will not occur, different sizes of masks (small and large) will be procured by TDSB.

Trustee Li: Please see below for link to join my WhatsUp group. Members within group are mostly actively parent council members in Ward 13. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LIXCOqSnGBV2IGZxZINTZ9>

Students' Report

Presentation by Amaya, Warisha, Jenessa from Grade 8 – Cheron couldn't make the meeting
Presentation attached.

4. Principal's Report – (Principal Chi Le)

Programs & Extracurricular – has been put on pause for now due to COVID.

People / Staffing – Ms. Zenith Issacs, one of our Lunchroom Supervisors has been hired as our temporary school COVID screener and is helping out in the morning to screen students and following up with parents when required. We are currently have an additional LRS vacancy so community members who have experience volunteering and/or working in schools or with children are welcome to email their resume directly to our Vice-Principal Mr. Emmanuel Peter or drop it off at the school. LRSs work for 75 minutes a day Monday to Friday during our two lunch periods. Two office staffs are on leave – wishing them speedy recovery. There are two temps filling in for them at this time.

Mr. Peter: Lockers have been assigned to students. This is well received by students, they are excited about it. The use of lockers will be scattered throughout the school. There will not be any locks on the lockers.

Financial Report (Treasurer: Terri Sung)

As of Feb 2022, the total amount in the account remains unchanged at \$9,158.34.

5. New Business

Katherine – Pizza fundraising – Domino’s Pizza – following up but some challenges
Trustee Li offered to help anyway he can on this topic.

Social Media

Principal Le: Mr. Paul Davis presenting to students as well as parents.

Can the parent presentation be part of pro-grant? Maybe a portion can, but the pro-grant is mainly geared towards anti-racism. There will be 3 presentations: one for grade 6, one for grade 7&8 and one evening session for parents. Scheduled for March 8th for student presentations and March 9th for parent presentations.

More Info available at: www.socialnetworkingsafety.net

Seeking Council funding of \$1500 for the Social Media Safety Presentation. This request by Principal Le came up during the meeting. The topic was briefly discussed and a voting motion was put forward to approve Mr. Le's request. The votes were passed – however, we had two non-voting members voted so it was a miscount. The voting members were asked via email to re-vote on this request (by email). Motion was approved via email voting.

Motion to adjourn: Phouv

Second: Aaron

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 27 2022, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm