

Secord Elementary School Parent Council
Monday March 25, 2019

Minutes taken by Yona Nestel

In Attendance

Secord Administration:

- George Vlahos, Principal
- Nigel Dance, Vice Principal
- Eleni Burke-Taskmakas , Vice Principal
- Ian MacPherson

2018-2019 Council Representatives:

- Kathleen Garrett, Chair
- Yona Nestel, Secretary
- Fabjola Myrto, Parent-at-Large
- Stephanie Long, Parent-at-Large
- Andrew Knox, Parent-at-Large
- Shelly Alleyne, Parent-at-Large
- Krystal Lee Reil, Parent-at-Large
- Phil Pothen, Parent-at-Large
- Rob Wallice, Parent-at-Large

Secord Staff:

Nicole Harrington

Call to order: 6:30pm

Principal's Report – George Vlahos & Ian

- **Ian:**
 - Is working with to support teachers with 2019/2020 planning. Finding partners that can run programs for students for half a day (yoga, dance party, Telus workshop) so that teachers can get together and plan. Partners will also be brought in to support teachers to plan across learning domains and drive equity, learning.
 - Ian asked for a parent liaison for the programing and planning initiative – Krystal volunteered and Ian asked that Erin should also be involved.
 - Parents will be invited to workshop on the planning software (Miro).
 - Krystal suggested more events in French to showcase the French immersion program.
 - Kathleen urged more opportunities for parents and caregivers to volunteer.

- Parent council will have a table at Welcome to Kindergarten night. Can share information on volunteering with new families entering the school and recruit volunteers.
- **George :**
 - Deciding on school logo – students are voting between four choices.
 - To reduce traffic at drop-off and pick-up school will be running a campaign to get active and walk/ bike to school. George has invited Councillor Bradford to a meeting to discuss Vision Zero and the impact it has on families walking.
 - Playground revitalization meeting with engineers on April 23.
 - Teacher allocation for 2019/2020
 - Projection of 692 students for enrollment
 - Some projection dependant on provincial budget
 - Full allocation (phase 2)will be delivered on April 23
 - 24.5 students per teacher provincial average/ 23.26 students per teacher as per board agreement – TDSB will need to figure out how to provide the additional teacher.

Opposing Cuts – Formal Motion – Kathleen on behalf of Phil

- Motion needs to be updated to address the latest education cuts announcement. Agreement to share motion with other schools and encourage similar motions. Look out for an email with an updated motion for approval.

Choir Uniform Donation - Rob

- Funds transferred to music department’s account for choir uniforms. Waiting for new Secord logo before ordering uniforms.

School Grounds Revitalization - Rob

- Beautification of fence on Palmer – Painting and planters will be installed May 4th – billed as a community event.
- Does council want to approve funds for refreshments? Will revisit for April’s Parent Council meeting.
- Yona will reach out to local media. Rob already reached out Councillor Bradford.

● Events – Kathleen

1) Greek Heritage Night – March 28th – potluck – Council to fund disposable plates and cutlery – Looking for volunteers

2) Protect Public Education – Drinks and cookies for adults (coffee, tea, water) collect donations. George will take care of coffee/tea/cookies and food for kids. Yona will pick up a case of water and juice.

3) Second Parents attending the Education Rally on April 6th are going to get together (Kathleen will fill in more info)

4) Bengali New Year – April 18th – volunteers needed

5) Jazz night fundraiser in May 9th (TBC)

Meeting adjured at 8pm