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# Arbor Glen School Council

**MINUTES**

April 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.

Staff Room

**Present:** Wendy Huang (Chair)

Beverly Kirsh (Principal)

Jane Yi (Treasurer)

Monica Joshan (Chair/Lead Teacher)

Luigi DeRose (Chair/Lead Teacher)

Members of School Council (refer to attendance record)

**Recording Secretary** Sarah Shen

**Topics discussed:**

1. approval of minutes of last meeting
2. Treasure’s report: up to the end of March: We have approximately $17,290.94 from Pizza Lunches and after-school programs. There are costs that will come out of that amount. For example, pizza money was collected at the beginning of the term but the money to pay for the pizzas comes out of the funds weekly as the pizzas are ordered.
   1. Principal proposed to add $10/student for school trip

Moved by Serafima, seconded by Radwike. All in favour.

* 1. Principal proposed to spend approximately $3000.00 on leveled books. It is a shared resource for teachers to use in JK/SK and primary grades. This resource is also used by teachers in the junior grades when appropriate.

Moved by Serafima, seconded by Wendy. All in favour.

* 1. Principal asked for approximately $200 to pay for the bus for the track and field program

Moved by Serafima, seconded by Sarah. All in favour.

1. School Councils’ Update of Ministry of Education Hiring Policy - Charles Wakefield

Update was given by Charles who is the school council chair from another TDSB school, and works with a group of concerned parents to make efforts to repeal Regulation 274 that requires schools to hire teachers by prioritizing seniority over quality and suitability.

A petition to the premier and MPP is being circulated among different school councils to repeal Regulation 274 and suggest that the school boards establish appropriate oversight to ensure transparency and accountability in the hiring process. The members of the school councils have signed the petition on site.

Action: A letter will be sent to the premier Kathleen Wynne and Ontario Minister of Education Liz Sandals and copied Willowdale ward MPP David Zimmer by Wendy on behalf of the School Council regarding this proposal. The letter is attached with this minute.

1. Projected Student Numbers, Staff Allocation and School Organization for next year were introduced by the principal. The Staffing Committee of teachers created two models which were shared by the staff and presented. Two parent volunteers will review the numbers and the parameters which need to be used to create the models. They will then add their opinions on them.

Wendy and Jane volunteered to review the models.

Action: Principal will send the models to Wendy, Jane and Sarah. They will review them and send their opinion by Monday (April 7). The principal will then select the model, usually the one that the staff and parents feel would work best and send it to the superintendent for her approval.

1. Funding for Full Day Kindergarten Playground

Funding of $40,000 was granted to create our full day kindergarten playground. $4000 of that must be set aside as contingency. A design team from the Board will work with our five kindergarten teachers, our P.E. teacher and Serafima to create a design for the fenced in area. It will be used by our students in grades one to six when the kindergarten students are not using it.

1. School Web Site

The Arbor Glen Public School web site is now live. It was created by our school librarian, Cayla Biderman. The link is open in the TDSB website on the Arbor Glen page.

Action: Principal will send an email to parents to announce the news.

1. School Council Website

School Council website will be built as a sub-link under school website. We need volunteers from parents to maintain the website. Serafima has kindly volunteered to help with the website maintenance. Council also discussed on what would be the appropriate policy for posting student photos on the website, while no decision has been made so far.

Action: Wendy to prepare an email for principal to send to all parents calling for more volunteers

1. Fun Fair Discussion – Serafima

It takes 2 months, 10+ organizers and 20-30 helpers to run a Fun Fair (various depending on the size of the fair. It could raise approximately $1500-$30,000).

Result: Not for this year. It will be discussed in the future council meetings.

1. Mandatory Police Reference Checks for all volunteers in the schools, including those who come only once or twice, for example for trips, Scientist in the Schools, etc. were discussed. It may become Board policy in September, 2014.
2. Principal’s Report
   1. EQAO Dates – May 26 – June 6 – we shall do this May 29 – June 3
   2. Music Monday – May 5
   3. Volunteer Breakfast – May 22
3. Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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| Chair – Wendy Huang |  | Secretary – Sarah Shen |