**Beverly Glen Parent Council Meeting**

**Date:** October 26, 2017

Commenced 7:00PM, Ended 8:50PM

**Attendees:** Frank Costa, Morag Killackey, Minaz Asani-Kanji, Hanbo Jia, Diane Tassopoulos, Mike Gordon, Nithya Caleb, Rachel D’Souza, Carmen Khuu, Lucy Xia Luo,vKimberly Liu, Petrina Buell, Alex Arjomand, Karim Kanji, Siva Suntharampillai, and Mabrouk Chouk

1. **Approval of last meeting’s minutes** 
   * + Minutes of meetings from last meeting approved; no objections
2. **Toronto Police Officer Presentation regarding school** 
   * + Steve McCowan from Toronto Police discussion re The Parent Safety Program which is a safe drop off system for parents driving and dropping off children at the school
     + The parking system is up to the parents
     + Grade 6 students can help with enforcement of program (leadership opportunity)
     + Video Presentation:
       - Parking Enforcement Unit of Police is in charge of program and trains the volunteers (Training is about 2 or 3 hours (but will actually be about 30 minutes) re rights and responsibilities as well as bylaws)
       - There is a kiss n ride area with cones which creates a safe area to drop off children
       - The program keeps the traffic flowing without causing congestion
       - Most schools do not have the space or facility for drop offs
       - There are parent volunteers who assist with the program; parent volunteers identify themselves to parents dropping off the children and identify the areas for safe dropping; and identify those who do not comply with the kiss n ride area
       - The program is non confrontational - Volunteers do not get involved with telling people what to do; parking enforcement unit should be called
       - The program is successful; more and more schools are accepting the program and parents are accepting program as well
       - “Choose safety over convenience” = parent safety program motto
     + There is a hiring freeze so there are not enough Officers to assist with the parking issues
     + Volunteers are needed and it becomes self sufficient
     + Officers come in to school to provide training at various times during the day, including the evening
     + 2 to 3 parents are needed per time period for the program
     + The city will not remove any trees so we cannot do the kiss n ride program in the front
     + Parking lot gets blocked off when there is too much snow because it is too dangerous
     + Setting up the program before the snow is more successful
     + School Council will have to provide the vests which needs to comply with the safety standards (needs to be “tear aways”)
3. **Funding Requests**

Family Math Night 2018 request

* + - There was a great turn out last time
    - There was positive feedback
    - Kits are $845 USD which is about $1,056.25; Parent Reaching Out grant is $1,000 therefore the cost to the school council is $56.25 (for the option without banners)
    - For the option with posters/banners option costs $1,493.75 - $1,000 PRO grant = $493.73 cost to Council
    - There are boxes/kits for different types of math topics

Librarian requests

* + - Asking for performance from Quebec $900 and an author visit with an Aboriginal focus between $800 to $1000 depending on the author
    - Aboriginal performance is $890
    - Dash Robot is a coding robot that primary students can use and cost is $180 x 3 robots = $540 which does not include shipping
    - These will reach all students

Other/School requests

* + - 5 to 7 music stands
    - 2 microphones cost for two is $788 for wireless vs $259 with wires
    - 22 Chrome books are requested
      * Karim will do research re computer/technology funding
    - Artists to come to school
      * Kick start art to have a dancer come in for $500 per class with a minimum of 2 classes. Sessions are 75 mins each.
    - 1,2,3 Movement = come in once per month (not every month) to teach mindfulness

1. **Fundraiser update - Nithya, Mabrouk, Karim**
   * + First pizza day went very well
       - About $15,000 gross was deposited
       - About 60% of students (approximately under 300 students participated)
     + Popcorn Fundraiser
       - This was done 4 times last year
       - This year we would like to do it 6 times; first time in December 2017
       - December to May on Thursdays (tentative)
       - Vendor is Kernels. The Vendor last year was QSP but we had some issues with them. Kernels does delivery
       - Company takes $1 out of every packet plus HST
       - Last year we asked for $2, and we will continue with that charge
       - Last year a number of flavours made it difficult. This year it will be butter salt only.
       - $986 was raised last year
       - Council agrees to go ahead with the popcorn fundraiser
     + Socks Fundraiser
       - will be headed by Karim
       - Goal of raising $1000 net and that $500 could go to the Downie Fund and other $500 towards Aboriginal programming
       - Socks cost $5 a pair and it will be sold at $10 a pair
       - There are many designs
       - Idea is to sell it in mid November
       - It is about a one week turnaround to receive the socks
       - Council agrees to go ahead with the sock fundraiser
     + Chocolate Fundraiser
       - It is permissible to sell chocolates for a total of 2 weeks, so long as permission is provided by Principal.
       - Last year this fundraiser brought in approximately $11,000 net
       - We have discussed about other options in previous years, but it has not come through
       - Parents can provide school cash donation or cheques; but only half of the parents have registered on school cash
       - Council agrees to do chocolate fundraiser with an option to donate money
       - Consent form will need to be finalized.
     + Other ideas
       - Movie night - cannot charge for the movie itself, but can sell the snacks (to be revisited)
2. School Update - Morag/Frank
   * + November 9, 2017 - Session for stress which is ran through the health nurse
     + Progress report will be in November 2017; parents to have discussion with teacher on November 16, 2017 in the evening and November 17, 2017 in morning to noon which can also be by phone
     + Phys Ed experience focus on mindfulness for whole school for two days
     + We had a fantastic night for curriculum night
3. Trustee update/PIAC updates - Nithya
   * + Sat November 25 meeting
     + Key note speaker re self-regulation
     + Need to register online
     + Meeting on October 30, 2017 at 7pm Earl Haig Secondary school re overcrowding in Willowdale schools
4. Setting of next meeting dates
   * + November 9, 2017 at 6:30pm