

# Cameron School Council 211 Cameron Avenue, North York, Ontario

## Working to enhance our children's educational experience

Date: October 26, 2022 Time: 6:30 pm

**Place: Cameron School Library** 

ATTENDANCE: (indicated with an X, in no particular order)

|   | 2022/2023 PARENT CAMERON SCHOOL MEMBERS |   | PARENTS/GUARDIANS/GUESTS |   |                  |
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| Х | Aastha Singh (Co-Chair)                 | Х | P. Bonavota (Principal)  | Х | Nazanin Taheri   |
| Х | Melissa Kong (Co-Chair)<br>via Zoom     | Х |                          | Х | Ozlem            |
| Х | Robert Matthews<br>(Treasurer)          | Х |                          | Х | Carey Brewer     |
| Х | Aazra Nahas (Secretary)                 |   |                          | х | Paria (via Zoom) |
| Х | Joanne (Member)                         |   |                          | Х | Janice Lee       |
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All are welcome! Cameron parents/guardians are encouraged to read each month's School Council meeting minutes, and attend meetings to participate in discussions, and assist with the decision making.

The minutes from past meetings can be viewed here:

https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cameron/School-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes

• Mark your calendars! Meeting for the year 2022/2023 would be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm:

30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 22<sup>nd</sup> Febuary, 2023 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

## Meeting Minutes:

## Message from the Principal

- SIP (School Improvement Plan) PAT has made further updates to the SIP which would primarily focus on 4 key areas equity, achievement, wellbeing and indigenous education.
- More assistance to be given to new students; students who can't speak the language and indigenous students. School data to be used to address needs of marginalised students.
- More focus to be given to Wellbeing and mental health of students and teachers with an emphasis on under-served students.
- Diversify curriculum and resources. Guiding document for the same will be provided to any parents who requests the same.

#### School council protocols

- Police clearance is needed for all those parents who are volunteering for the school. If not, they can fill the waiver form which is available at the principal's office
- Emails to the Principal to be sent only through the executive members to ensure effective communication & adherence to a streamlined process.
- Bylaws are prepared and to be finalised and approved by the next school council meeting. The bylaws are to be read by 4 executive members before final approval.
- As per the school council proposed bylaws, if any member misses 2 consecutive meeting he/she can be removed from the school council
- A telegram group council chat forum will be created for easier communication
- School council Winter sessions can be held via Zoom (Jan to April),
- The term SCHOOL COUNCIL to be used instead of Parent council.

### Fundraising events

List of all the upcoming events were shared in the meeting. The proposed events for this year
includes Halloween, Pizza lunches, Pizza night, Smoothies, Holiday cards, valentineograms,
Bingo/candy kababs, Book bazaar, Spring Fair, Book Fair, Maple tree tapping and Clothing/toy
drive.

- Lunch lady to provide lunches on Tuesday and she requires a minimum order of 40 to deliver the same. Further details and start dates to be confirmed.
- Nazanin to take charge of Smoothies.
- Janice and Catherine to take care of Book Bazaar.
- The Raffle event is removed from the list of events. Instead, an additional event can be added to replace it.
- Spring fair preparation to start soon. Chairs and subcommittee need to be formed to get things started including sponsorship, secure membership and volunteers. It was proposed that Marcus and Melissa to chair those events. This will be confirmed after consulting with them.
- Maple tree tapping to be discussed later as it is essential to find an experienced head for the event.

## Treasury updates:

The School Council Executive committee had a budget meeting which reviewed expenses, future
events and requirements from teachers. The Budget was prepared after a list was received from
the teachers with a detailed list of items needed for the students to make their experience more
well-rounded.

## Other updates

- Council has approved the budget for renewing the school web Domain.
- All the Pizza lunch volunteers to sign waivers every month.
- Request for a shared calendar was proposed for Glen Cameron CC, teachers and School council. Pat would reach out and work on it with Rob.

Meeting ended at 7:35pm