



# Cameron School Council

211 Cameron Avenue, North York, Ontario M2N 1E8

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**DATE:** October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

**PLACE:** Cameron P.S. Staffroom

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:** (indicated with an x)

2014/2015 PARENT MEMBERS		CAMERON SCHOOL		OTHER	
X	Z. China-Campbell (chair)	X	H. Bieler	X	C. Robertson
X	K. Lawrence (secretary)	X	A Benvenuto	X	W. Wasyluk
X	M. Jung (treasurer)	X	J. Johnson	X	A Radid
X	J. Beeksma			X	J. Winter Dicola
	M. Belchetz			X	Danka Gula
X	D. Greenwood				
X	A. Maisonneuve				
	T. Moppet				
X	J. Purcell Martin				
X	C. Ring				
	S. Rizvi				
X	P. Shirvastava				
	A. Smith				
	Y. SoBeach				

## 1. Welcome & introduction

The Chair welcomed parents to the meeting.

## 2. Approval of the minutes

A motion was made by Z. China-Campbell to approve the minutes from the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. The motion was seconded by D. Greenwood and passed. Minor updates to attendee list required.

## 3. Principal's report

H. Bieler reported on various items including:

- Lice check: only 3 students identified with lice at first check
- Re-org of classes is complete and the new grade 2 teacher is hired: Ms. Almas Aziz
- Extra-curricular activities included cross-country with 3 students making the finals as well as Slow pitch for grades 4 & 5.
- Shared the school budget for 2014/2015 which had a slight increase of \$6000 related to student number increase. Explained the non-board financial plan is in-progress. It's a cash transfer vehicle usually kept around 0 except for cash taken in where rounding up has occurred. Extra money gets recycled back into school. As all board items done in SAP, cash input needs to transfer in.
- New school evacuation plan is in place. The previous evacuation site (Montessori Florence campus) closed. The new site is St. Edwards. Cameron will be the evacuation site for St. Eds.
- This month's character trait responsibility and the assembly will be on Oct 31.



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- Focus this year – system identified math, our students 72% reach level 3, 4 in EQAO and therefore could be stronger. School has sought Instructional leaders as well as professional learning in math for staff PD
- Technology – continue to support iXL – online math program to enhance curricula, parents can go on and see progress, very successful last year - ~\$600 to get all signed up
- Technology is another focus - Gr 4 5 students will all have their own email addresses – access via academic workspace and instructions will go home. Continued effort and fund put towards computer refresh in school as well as additional (library for research as well as ipads for sharing amongst classes). Next generation smart boards are projectors that are capable of projecting on walls/ desks.
- Terry fox was a success with \$1200 raised.
- On board outside office, each month workshops for parents by outside groups will be posted
- Glen Cameron for kids has their PumpkinCarve Oct 29<sup>th</sup>@630 – open for all
- Report cards Nov 12 go home. JK first report card is an observation visit and teachers will send out info for late nov visit. Interviews Nov 13<sup>th</sup> evening and morning of nov 14<sup>th</sup> (PD Day)
- Nov 25 family fitness night put on by York University AQ course. 630-8
- Winter concert – evening dec 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ Willowdale middle school – going back to format due to number of students and to accommodate all guests

#### **4. Budget**

Draft budget reviewed and discussed. Allocations are similar to previous years. Requests made by French teacher for French club trip (\$300). Ms. Chung asked for funds in support of Grade 4 trip to Medieval Times similar to funds for Grade 3 & 5. Require clarification on details for French. Evaluate budget to carve out some extra money. With the addition of a dedicated phys-ed teacher, funds allocated to sports equipment this year.

#### **5. Spring Fair & Fundraising Discussion**

- We have volunteers for leading spring fair! Co-chairs J. Beeksma, A. Smith and A. Maisonneuve stepped forward. A communication will be sent out to the school to call for volunteers including description of roles needed. Include a copy of the draft budget to help emphasize the importance of fundraising. Send out in paper with Friday file and electronically with Cameron Connection.
- Booked professor jamz for the dance-a-thon
- Need a volunteer to lead the Holiday bazaar if we want to have. Typically raises ~ \$1000.

#### **6. Other Business**

Wayne (the Iceman) had managed ice for last 15 years coordinating with city of Toronto & school. Agreement and protocol are in place. He helps with school skating days. Rink is only available after 4:30 on school days and on weekends. A new large sign will be placed up indicating allowable days. Thank you to J. Fillion, Mari Rutka and M.Capotosto for assistance with the required agreement as Cameron is one of the few schools left in TDSB with rink. April 2019 permit expiry.

**Meeting wrapped up at 8:30 with the next meeting date set as November 20<sup>th</sup>.**