



Cameron School Council

211 Cameron Avenue, North York, Ontario M2N 1E8

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DATE: November 20, 2014

PLACE: Cameron P.S. Staffroom

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: (indicated with an x)

2014/2015 PARENT MEMBERS		CAMERON SCHOOL		OTHER	
	Z. Chinae-Campbell (chair)	x	H. Bieler	x	J. Winter Dicola
x	K. Lawrence (secretary)	x	A Benvenuto		
	M. Jung (treasurer)	x	J. Johnson		
	J. Beeksmma				
	M. Belchetz				
	D. Greenwood				
	A. Maisonneuve				
	T. Moppet				
x	J. Purcell Martin				
	C. Ring				
x	S. Rizvi				
	P. Shirvastava				
	A. Smith				
x	Y. SoBeach				

1. Welcome & introduction

In the Chairs absence, K.Lawrence welcomed parents to the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes

As there was insufficient council members to pass a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23rd Council meeting, the motion will be put forth via email for approval. Discussion regarding the posting of draft minutes on council board in school. As it further complicates the process and there has not been any parent feedback regarding timeliness of meeting minute availability, status quo will be maintained at this time.

3. Principal's report

H. Bieler reported on various items including:

- Acorn cards – Thank you to Barb DiNardo who organized this fundraiser
- Remembrance Day Assembly – lots of student performances; Lieutenant Colonel Zalvin joined our assembly and spoke to the students about learning from mistakes.
- Book Fair – Thank you to Ms. Edmonds and the many, many parent volunteers (more than we have ever had!) for a successful Book Fair. We sold over 500 books and will be able to spend 2,000.00 dollars in books from scholastic.
- Progress Reports went home – Parent/Teacher interviews took place and Kindergarten visits are continuing.
- Ms. Melamed and Ms. Budlovsky are running girls' basketball on Monday and Thursday mornings for grades 4 & 5 girls. Choir for grades 3-5 is taking place on Wednesday at lunch with Ms. Kallinis. Eco-club has started and is meeting on Thursday at lunch with Ms. Thorn



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- Great progress for technology (14 new computers, in the past 2 years updated 44 school computers, 29 computers in our lab, 3 in the library for research, each classroom has 2 computers, 5 SmartBoards, first interactive learning projector and will pilot its use in Ms. Johnson's grade 2/3 class and Ms. Kallinis' grade 3/4 class).
- Updating school literacy materials with wide range on new materials (purchased \$10,000.00 of literacy materials JK-5)
- In support of FDK program, request submitted to creating an outdoor learning space (building a fence in the front of the school, outside of room 101)
- Family Fitness Night – Tuesday, November 25 – 6:30 pm
- Winter Holiday Concert – Kindergarten Concert – Tuesday, December 16 @ 6:30 pm @ Cameron
Grades 1 – 5 – Thursday, December 18 @ Willowdale Middle School.

Based on strong volunteer turnout for the book fair, opportunity was identified by council member to reach out to those volunteers for future volunteering opportunities.

4. Spring Fair & Other Fundraising Discussion

- Spring Fair co-chairs (J. Beeksm, A. Smith and A. Maisonneuve) unable to attend meeting. An update provided via email in advance of the meeting was shared by K. Lawrence:
“we do have a number of things in the works including a Facebook page that is currently being put together. There are some positions that need to be filled, and we will be getting communication regarding this together shortly. The popular rides have been booked as well as the free bouncy castle from pizza pizza. We will have something much more detailed ready for the next meeting as we will be able to finalize some more details by that point.”
- Discussion around the best way to engage volunteers for positions and the following recommendations were made:
 - Generate role descriptions (leverage what has already been drafted and provide by C. Ring)
 - When making volunteer requests, be specific (role/ time commitment/ benefit of event)
 - For class baskets – designate buyers for different items and/or engage class parents to assist much more with pulling together baskets. This item still needs a lead.

Holiday Bazaar - K. Lawrence volunteered to lead the bazaar. Available dates were assessed and Thursday December 11th selected with prep occurring December 10th starting at 3:30. Communications will be sent out and items collected for a 2 week period prior to the event. A. Benvenuto arranging class sign-up schedule.

Other Fundraising – Y. SoBeach suggested having events at school such as yoga/ bootcamp where donations to council are made. She will look into and H.Bieler to look into permitting options.

5. Other Business

A.Benvenuto shared thank you from the grade 3 classes for the pioneer village class trip sponsored by council. Also indicated that at staff meeting, the budget was shared with teachers – and was appreciated by all with specific thank you for the French trip as well Gr.4 for the Medieval time trip.

NOTE: Approval of the 2014/2015 Budget was done via email for council approval and confirmed as approved via email by M. Jung (treasurer) on November 2, 2014.

Meeting wrapped up at 8:05 with the next meeting date set as December 8th.



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