

Cameron School Council 211 Cameron Avenue, North York, Ontario M2N 1E8

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

PLACE: Cameron P.S. Staffroom

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

2013/2014 MEMBERS PRESENT: (no order) Z. Chinea-Campbell, C. Ring, T. Moppet, J. Martin, M. Jung, D. Greenwood, M. Jung 2013/2014 MEMBERS ABSENT: (no order) M. Beltchetz, A. Smith OTHER PRESENT: (no order) H. Bieler, A. Benvenuto, C. Wakefield

#### 1. Welcome & introduction

The Chair welcomed parents to the meeting. <u>Council Member resigned</u>: Sandra Bohn... Children no longer at Cameron PS Hindy Bieler, Principal introduced guest speaker Charles Wakefield

# 2. Approval of the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

Dave Greenwood motioned to approve previous meeting's minutes and current agenda. Christine Ring seconded motion for both.

# 3. Regulation 274 Presentation

**Charles Wakefield** came in to speak to Council about regulation 274 implemented on September 2013. This law can jeopardize hiring teachers and the quality of education delivered. Principals have to hire based on seniority, not necessarily qualifications. <u>Affected:</u> permanent and long term occasionals, <u>not affected</u>: day to day supply teachers. Charles and others have visited about 50 schools so far and hoping to reach about 90 by March 31<sup>st</sup> in case there is an election held. He has been encouraging Parent Councils at these schools to submit a letter to the Prime Minister as well as Liz Sandals, Minister of Education. Three letters can be generated, and samples shown at the meeting, one from Council Chair, one from parents, and one from Council Members.

**Dave Greenwood** motioned to submit the letter on behalf of Cameron PS Parent Council, **Jennifer Martin** seconded motion. Zenaida Chinea-Campbell, as Council Chair agreed to submit her own also. **Charles** mentioned that he would be in touch and provide electronic copies of the letter/template for distribution to Council and parents.



### 4. Principal's Report: Hindy Bieler

Teamwork is the Character Trait for the month of February.

Order two Smart Boards

Smart Board purchased by Council to be moved to the library

Two other Smart Boards will be for grade one and Kindergartens

Discrepancy identified of \$677.00 per Board of the ones Ms. Bieler/School is purchasing

Ms. Bieler would like to clean out old technology at the school

Toy Drive and food Drive:

Toy Mountain in collaboration with West Lansing Homeowner's Association collected 284 toys Food drive in our school received: 425 kg of non-perishable food items, compared to 295 kg last year

Saturday, February 22, 2014, Fair at Earl Haig HS, 11 am- 2:00 pm

A message from Madame Kalil, once again Cameron PS will be holding Carnavale on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 3:00 pm

Report cards coming home on February 12

Kindergarten Registration begins on February 13th

Interviews

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Requested by parents or teachers, or if new to school

Albion Hills

500 dollars deposit due soon, approval requested

Upcoming School Events

School community liaison from 22 Division will be coming in to talk to our classes

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, PA day

January 31, Bake Sale, Glen Cameron for Kids

January 31, Pizza Lunch and Sharing Assembly

Google Calendar needs updating

School Skating Dates:

January 23, AM session 09:30-11:00 February 7, PM session 1:00-2:30 February 14<sup>th</sup> AM session 09:30-11:00 February 20<sup>th</sup> PM session 1:00-2:30

### 5. Financial Report

Clarification of Acorn Cards revenue generated this year vs. last year Last year, 2012-2013 Acorn Cards total was 1000 as reflected on the January 2013 minutes Total this year:

#### 6. Fundraising

#### Dance a thon:

Chair and co-chair needed Possible date: first week of March, possibly the 6 Who is going to run the store? Cameron volunteers vs. DJ Will it be better to ask Mr. Beatty and Ms. Chung to DJ and MC



Vote by email DJ vs. Mr. Beatty and Ms. Chung

Spring Fair: Chair: Christine Ring Proposed meeting at Christine's home at the end of January Possible subcommittee members: Lesley Karon: Bake Sale, need to confirm Caroline Stewart: Communications, needs to confirm Amanda Chiu, Volunteer Coordinator, confirmed Jason Charette, Bike Parade, confirmed? Carolyn Munshaw, help out with silent auction, Christine will ask Fundraising (cont'd) Natalie Jawad, help out with Silent Auction donors, Zenaida to approach Thomas Moppet: Co-Chair Silent Auction, fundraising, confirmed (needs list from last year) Dave Greenwood: Fundraising, confirmed Mihai Jung: Fundraising, confirmed Jennifer Martin: Class Baskets, confirmed. Jennifer requested that a successor be identified to take over this task Sandra Bohn: parent volunteer to help out with rides and games coordination on the day of the fair, confirm closer to date, but willing to help out New Spring Fair Chair will be needed for next year, as per Christine Ring

Andrea Smith to provide Thomas Moppet with list of sponsors from last year, Zenaida to contact Andrea and request it

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm with the next meeting date set for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.