**Church Street Public School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 16, 2015**

1. The Principal, Nora Spence, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She announced the nominations received for the School Council executive positions:

Co-Chairs: Suzanne Rumsey and Krista Taylor

Treasurer: Imran Ali

Members at large: Ted Crysler and Ana Sajfert

The Principal called for volunteers for the Secretary role. Ileana Kuzel and Shirley Yee volunteered to share the responsibility.

**The School Council Executive for 2015 - 2016**

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Treasurer: Imran Ali

Secretaries: Ileana Kuzel, Shirley Yee

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1. **Fundraising/Volunteers needed:**

Ted circulated the sign in list for volunteering activities. As in previous years the activities will include: monthly Pizza Days, a Dance-a-Thon, a Book fair, bake sales, and a sale of T shirts with the school logo. Ted also presented the calendar for these activities.

The parents who provided their e-mail on the volunteer list have agreed to receiving notices re: upcoming volunteering opportunities.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. **Principal’s Report**

**Principal Nora Spence provided an update on:**

-The number of students enrolled this year is lower than anticipated, with about 40 students less. It means that the school will probably lose one teacher. The Principal will notify the families affected.

-The Hair of the Dog restaurant and the LGBT would like the school’s approval to put up a mural with representation of important symbols for the LGBQT community. The mural will be installed on the N side of the restaurant’s building, facing the school’s playground.

-The Principal also presented a list of upcoming events: Prologue to Performing Art, Character Assembly, Cross Country running (90 students Gr.2-6 signed up)

-To reduce the loitering at night on school property, the Principal has encouraged parents to call the police if they notice suspicious activities. The non-emergency police line was provided: 416 808 2222.

-Discussions about the new design for the school yard are continuing; the committee needs to decide what type of ground cover will be used - artificial turf, more expensive to install but maintenance free, or grass, inexpensive installation but needs maintenance.

1. The two co-chairs have agreed to update the Principal’s profile

6. The school council budget is used in general to cover the expenses incurred with the meetings: child care and photocopies. ($300)

7. Ted presented a list of activities sponsored last year by the School Council: Performance of the “Prologue to Performing Art”, Scientists in School, Reptilia, Chess program, purchase of a digital piano, four ipads, and uniforms for sports and choir.

8. Date of the next meeting: November 11, 2015