**Minutes – Fairmount School Council Sep 14, 2016**

**Those in Attendance:**

**Co-Chairs: Louise Porthouse (last meeting as co-chair), Lee O’Neill**

**Treasurer: Myrrha Brady**

**Principal: Janice Lewis**

**Vice Principal: Shaun Lalonde**

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| Ademola Adedeji |
| Amber Lambe |
| Angela Coyne |
| Ann Inkpen |
| Ayesha Faval |
| Barb Ledermann |
| Barb Storey |
| Catherine Chiu |
| Derek Cormack |
| Diana Pialis |
| Doug Davidson |
| Faisal slam |
| Heather Johnston |
| Heather Roper (community representative, Sunshine) |
| Janine Saccucci |
| Jennifer Franco |
| Jennifer Koptiel |
| Jenny Carroll |
| Jessica Montagano (teacher) |
| Jessica Summerfield-Boddis |
| Jessy Tellis |
| Jodie Blazo |
| Justine Lowe |
| Karina Sanders |
| Kate Kennedy |
| Kavin Petrou |
| Kelly Chalmers |
| Kevin Im |
| Kristina Suke |
| Linda Yang |
| Lisa Daley |
| Lise Darnes |
| Lorna Robertson |
| Melissa Hunter |
| Michele Walsh-McDonald |
| Michelle Burandt |
| Mileidy Montero |
| Nicole Butkovich |
| Ondira Veiga |
| Paula Sewell |
| Rob Bowes |
| Sandra Rosekat (teacher) |
| Seemi Qureshi |
| Stephanie Reid |
| Susannah Musselman |
| Tania Arruda |
| Tracy McLachlan |
| Wayne Meinen |

**Welcome and call to order.**

**Two positions vacant on council, Co-Chair and Secretary:**

**Derek Cormak proposed as Co-Chair and Rosie Lewis Proposed as Secretary:**

Proposed: Linda Yang and 2nd; Jennifer Franco. Motion carried.

**Janice’s Principal’s Report**

Shaun Lalonde introduced, new Vice Principal – he will take on couple of roles under his mandate, e.g. special ed, and leadership/mentoring. Will bring a new mentorship program to Fairmount over the next little while

**Organizational items within TDS**B – has been a gargantuan reorg. FPS used to be part of family of schools; we are now part of **learning network 17** and we are connected to a network of schools in our area, Haliburt, Anson Park, John Leslie, Mason Rd, and Chine Drive are part of Learning network 17. We also now have Learning Centres and we are part of Centre 3 where we’re encouraged to be learning partners with other schools and share knowledge. Learning Network 17 has a new Superintended - Jackie Spence, responsible of a portfolio and her key focus area is “Equity”. The Executive is Colleen Rawlins.

**School Direction**. We are focused on looking at leadership positions for every staff member. We have Math leads and STEM leads. We have teachers who have POR – Positions of Responsibility – they are lead teachers across the school, e.g. if Principal or VP has to attend off site they are left in charge.

The Board runs additional courses for teachers and this year we have primary music and science running as AQs - Additional Qualifications. We will have Choir every Thursday at 3.45, all kids in junior given opportunity to do choir and other kids in our learning network will be invited. Grades 4, 5 and 6 = junior.

A few letters have gone home about lice. It’s the time of year to be aware of this. We can wait until end of September to bring lice folks in (Nitworks) – TBD. We do not send kids home now if they have lice, we just notify the parents.

**School Reorganization** – we have caps imposed on us for our class sizes. E.g. G 4-8 is v high around 28-29, senior classes we are at 32-35. In primary departments we are a few over in every class. It’s enough to say we may have to do some shifting, but hopefully not a large-scale reorganization; want to make parents aware in case it has to happen. We won’t know anything until Monday Sep 19.

Janice apologized for putting up the class lists in the schoolyard and unfortunately some confidential info was included (phone #’s – which should not have been disclosed).

**Viability Plan** – a master plan, 5-10 years in duration, the school is ready to go on this, we need a Steering Committee, representation required from teachers and parents. Both Janice and Shaun will sit on the committee. Via the committee information will be shared with council and the community. We are looking for future infrastructure improvements for the school – e.g. what do we need/want for this school – is it new asphalt? Is it a new gym? As we work through the plan we can address these kinds of items for the future need of the school, kids and the community. We need 2-3 parents on the Steering Committee. The process is under the guidance/oversight (?) of the Sustainability Department of the TDSB.

Tania Arruda

Melissa Hunter

Kate Kennedy

Diana Pialis

Colin Lewis

Kristina Suke

**Treasury Report**

Started with positive balance of ~$25k for last academic year

We raised ~$55k in fund raising (across all categories)

We had expenses of $60k

We currently have just over $19k in the bank to start of 2016-2017 academic year.

$5,000 assigned to Viability Plan

Currently have ~$13k unallocated funds

**ABC Curriculum / Committee update** – Susannah Musselman

This will be SM’s last year and Kate Kennedy will assume the role afterwards

We have National Ballet coming in for G 4-6 – this is FREE!

We’re focusing on getting best value for our money! We have an artist coming in next week, Andrew Owen for G7-8 kids and he is doing an art project with them incorporating wild flowers found in the neighbourhood, and will also complete a large mural for us.

G3-4 and G5-6 will experience drum themed music projects – dates TBD.

Latin American drumming – will learn about the music types and the origins of the music. We’re investigating options for lower grades. Exploring how to get more authors into the school to promote reading. Some programs are subsidized but may also require funding.

Request for $2000 for ABC Curriculum – Jessy proposed, Diane Pialis 2nd, motion carried.

Kate Kennedy has been exploring ‘maker’ fairs; this is centered on making things out of every day items and can incorporate science, music, etc.

Scarborough Arts connection – they have worked with different schools in the community and interested in exploring partnership with us.

**Curriculum Night BBQ** Ann Inkpen (Grosse)–

Thurs Sep 22 – back to school BBQ – not set up as a fundraiser, more of a welcome mixer. At 5.30 we set up the BBQ, hotdogs, pizza, etc., meals costs $5. Ends at 6.45pm. We usher folks into the school at around 7pm. Request for volunteers for times between 3.30 – 8pm. Would LOVE some help with clean up (which is 7pm-8pm). BBQ is a huge success, big turn out, and everyone gets to meet one another. G7, 8 9 come to volunteer too.

Request for funds $2000 – Motion proposed: Colin Lewis , 2nd: Angela Coyne. Motion carried.

**Fall Fair Update: Jessy Tellis**

October 22, 11am – 3pm. Anyone new who would like to participate as a volunteer is welcome! Next meeting on the fair – Wed Sep 21 6-7pm.

Request for funds of $500 to put towards new signage. Proposed: Colin Lewis, 2nd: Jennifer Franco. Motion carried. There will be a comprehensive update on what’s in progress or needed for the fair in the Falconer, which comes out each Friday.

**Budget Meeting**: September 28th at 6pm. During this meeting we discuss allocation of school council funds.

**Query on the new drop off routine**. Why did this get set up this way? It was done mainly due to safety reasons. We have staff meeting and greeting children and we have 2 extra teachers on duty at the back of the school. We have a much better view and control from a safety perspective under this new process. If there is any change required to this drop off process due to winter an update will be given.

**Motion to adjourn**: Colin Lewis, 2nd: Jennifer Franco: Motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday October 5th