



George Syme Community School Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday 6th March 2019

5:45pm to 7:15pm (90 minutes)

Location: Staff Room

Georgesymesac@gmail.com

In Attendance:

Voting Parent Council Members:

Liana Salvador-Watts (Co-Chair), Tara Watts (Co-Chair), Will Kopplin (Treasurer), Phyllis Luong-Scott (Secretary), Glenda Baptiste, Hodan Hassan, Randolph Scott

Voting Non-Parent Council Members:

Iman Djama (Syme Woolner), Tanika Hewitt (Syme Woolner)

Non-voting Members:

Cindy Closner (Principal),

Others:

Mona Darwish, Seimen Tamana

Absentees:

Voting Parent Council Members:

Quedeeze Andersen, Brawnwyn Amo (Support Staff Representative), Hugh Hurd (Community Support Worker), Anne Pietropaolo (Teacher Representative), Jessica Singh.

Agenda Item	Minutes
Welcome and Introductions (TW)	Introductions.
Adoption of the agenda (LSW)	LSW asked to move the announcement about Anne Pietropaolo's retirement to the beginning of the meeting because there is a card that SAC members can sign before they leave tonight. Anne also left a card for us. LSW suggested that item 10 be moved to after the Principal's Report as a parent wanted to discuss this specifically.
Adoption of Minutes (TW)	Approved
Business arising from previous minutes - Updates on Tree for me Event, French h/w club, parking and idling of	Tree for me Event has been put on hold for the moment because the deadline to apply for the grant was too tight as it coincided with writing of report cards. French h/w club reports that there are 20 spots made available for students, so far only 2 spots have been taken. Perhaps the word isn't getting out about

<p>vehicles (PL, LWS & RS)</p>	<p>the program. LSW suggested putting out another Scoop.</p> <p>Parking and idling of vehicles in the east side lot/in the bus zone is still a concern. RS and CC will talk more about it. TW wants to know what other options are available to parents? CC suggests that families who live near by should walk, other families are encouraged to take the bus. On site parking is for staff. Admin have not been allowing parents to park on site because we have had some near misses with students running through the parking lot. The main problem is during morning drop offs.</p> <p>Kid drop off zone was a suggestion put forth, but CC wasn't sure where we could do this. HH pointed out that the school doesn't have the staff to do this, that we would need parent volunteers to make this work. CC will ask HH if there is anything that can be done.</p>
<p>Principal's Report (CC)</p>	<p>Funfair taking place on 30th May from 5-8pm in memory of Pat. No rain dates. If it rains we will bring it into the Gym. Seeking parent volunteers for the 6:30 - 8pm shift. Funfair Committee looking for donations or contact for donations. There will be a Funfair Committee meeting happening on the 25th March between 11:40 - 12:30pm. Packages will be distributed closer to the date.</p> <p>Café Français is on 24th April. Showcase everything French happening at the school (6th year). French Immersion Family night taking place on the same night. Perhaps SAC could have a presence.</p> <p>Tech Committee would like to thank SAC for their support.</p> <p>Equity: We will ensure that every student will feel valued and heard by having at least one caring adult in the school. We will address our own biases and work with our students, families and colleagues. We will have a growth mindset on our equity journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Equity PD on Feb 6 ● Staff met to plan March 6 ● Caring Adult meeting planning March 8 ● Caring Adult Staff/Admin meetings to take place after March Break ● Next staff meeting the Equity Committee will support staff in examining their own biases and how it connects to power and privilege <p>Well-Being: We will ensure that every child and staff member has a right to learn and work in a safe and caring environment practicing self-regulation skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anti-bullying Presentation by Scott Graham - January 17 ● Basketball Day - January 24 ● Community Liaison Police Officer Visits - January 28-30 ● Well-Being PLC - February 1 ● Kinball Days - February 25 & 26 ● Grade 5 Vision Clinic - February 28 ● Character Education Assembly - February 28 ● Staff met to plan March 6 <p>Achievement: We will use our foundation in literacy to strengthen our understanding of concepts in mathematics. We will engage our whole community of learners (students, families, educators) through meaningful tools such as Number Talks and the use of fun, hands on learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global School Play Day - February 6 ● FDK 100's Day Celebration - February 11 ● 3 Part Math Lesson PD - February 21

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathematics FDK PD - February 26 ● Staff met to plan - March 6 <p>K-8 - construction update. This is the last G.5, which will be leaving the school. There has been no news yet about the building extension work. Maybe we can stretch the funds to make some changes to the second floor open concept classrooms.</p>
Bullying and Emotional Regulations (LSW)	From the parents' survey, this was an issue that parents highlighted as being important. PL asked if Bullying was an issue at the school. CC said that she didn't think it was a bigger issue than at any other school. Zone of Regulation was helping to mitigate any problems. The school will continue to address this issue through its Well-being Pillar.
Community Support Worker Updates (LSW)	HH sends his apologies. Parent for Partners Conference will be taking place at the Beanfield Centre on the 30th March from 9 - 4pm. Childcare is provided. Parents can register online. Mt Dennis is hosting an event on the 2nd May to do with Health and Wellness.
Financial report (WK)	Our balance is \$2265.39 For the pizza day: Total deposits - \$1,182.20 Total expenses - \$817.60 Profit = \$364.40 Margin = 44% For the bake sale Deposit - \$788 Total expenses - \$159.49 Profit = \$628.60 Margin = 80%
Bylaws Committee Report (LSW)	We have a draft. Members will receive a copy before next meeting to study it. Hopefully it can be approved at the next meeting.
Fundraising Committee Report (PL, LSW)	First Canada Book distribution. There are 11 boxes of books that SAC needs to decided what to do with. We can either give them to the library, to individual teachers for distribution, donate some to the Funfair Committee, or sell them to raise funds. HH questioned whether the books can be sold. PL said she would enquire about that, but her understanding is that some schools do sell them for a couple of dollars as a way of getting the books out, and to encourage the students to look after them. SAC banner. PL proposed the idea of purchasing a stand up banner for SAC to promote the School Council during events where SAC has a presence. We need to try to engage parents and encourage involvement especailly since the school will be expanding. LSW put forward a motion to approve the purchase of a SAC banner up to \$100. Seconded by RS. Motion Carried. Planned fundraising ideas. Air plant/Succulent sale. "Spring Rain" is the company, they are in the process of being approved by the Board. The plants are sold by size, there is \$1.50 profit per sale of a plant. We should try and process this by the end of March in time for Mothers' Day. CC mentioned that Cash on Line is now possible, but schools always have to have a Cash option for parents. LSW put forward an amendment to the motion originally on the agenda to state that <i>The proceeds from one Pizza Day (26th April) go</i>

	<p>towards supporting grade 5 graduation ceremony, and proceeds from the Plant Sale (18th - 29th March), and Movie night (21st March) go towards Technology for the School. LSW also wanted to strike the fundraiser Power of Change from the motion because it coincides with the FunFair kick off. Tchnology wish list includes ipads, Projector Cart, Chrome Books. Keeping the motion open allows for more flexibility. Seconded by RS. Motion Carried.</p>
Before and after school care (LSW)	<p>CC said that Before and After School Care depends on need, and it has to go through some steps. 1. A survey needs to be carried out. 2. Parents have to commit their money.</p> <p>To date the school doesn't yet have the results of the survey. Hopefully by April.</p>
Soap and Bathrooms (TW)	<p>TW mentioned that soap dispensers are not working in the washrooms. CC said that she hasn't heard that there was a problem. She will ask students, to find out what the issues are. If there is a problem with the condition of washrooms, please let CC know. There are no paper towels in the washrooms because there are hand dryers.</p> <p>TW said that the use of hand sanitizers before eating should be discouraged, as it says on the label, Do Not Ingest. CC said this is happening less now as staff have become more aware of the problems with the over-use of hand sanitizer.</p>
Over flowing garbage cans and snow removal in the disabled parking space (RS)	<p>RS will talk with CC about this issue</p>
AOB (LSW)	-
Adjournment (LSW)	<p>Next SAC meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2019 5:45 - 7:15pm</p>