

Parent Council Meeting - Notes
September 10, 2018

In attendance: Martha Shantz, Charmaine Zamora, John Vogiatzis, Olympia Grigg, Judith Jackson, Delano Gracey, Dave Wilson, Derek Kroher, Andrea Kroher, Tina Voltsinis, Dino Chiappetta (North Bendale Lead Teacher), Lori Wagner, Karanough Mervate, Maddy Sarda, Leona Woodruff (Teacher Representative), Janice Lewis-Principal, Shirley Chan – LN 19 Superintendent

Michelle Munroe – Manage for Engagement - Parent Involvement Rep
Main ideas

- fundraising is not a required activity but an activity that the school council may choose to do
- purpose of school council is to improve student success and provide a system of accountability to parents
- all members make decisions for councils
- require school council by-laws
- minimum number of meetings is 4
- people who sit on council: teaching staff, parents, non-teacher rep, community rep – there needs to be more parents in a meeting for it to be official
- every school gets a minimum of \$300
- there are external grants that you can apply for and Parent Reaching Out Grants
- required to buy additional school council insurance if holding major fun fair or rent/buy special equipment
- need TDSB email account for access to grants and other central resources
- who is our PIAC rep?
- Business Services provides financial and supplies for school council parent workshops
- school council is an advisory group and provides advice to the school principal or the School Board level on any matter

Responsibility of School Council

- constitution of by-laws (how many parents will make up the school council/package goes home to inform parents about elections/host an election evening – package to go home 14 days before elections)
- recording
- reporting
- consultation
- communicating

- should be framing our work around the SIP
- SAC should consult on the SIP
- should be speaking from the needs of the families

- survey to parents to see what skills they can volunteer if they don't want to be part of council or attend meetings

PIAC – www.torontopiac.com

SCHOOL INITIATIVES

- continuing to work on the learning commons
- looking to continue to get updated books
- Indigo got us \$980 that was spent on books that are in the library
- areas of need are: levelled books and graphic novels
- we have a librarian Marina Murray
- name competition for the Library
- inquiry base focus is continuing
- STEM/coding etc. is happening
- Music happening 2 periods
- Orff instruments to facilitate learning
- musical last week of April
- a lot of athletics being offered
- receiving 4 periods for Health/Phys-Ed
- finding ways to bring parents together
- school website is being worked on by Janice in order to update
- looking for parent representation on Caring and Safe Schools and SIP committee
- Janice put forward a wish list based on discussions with staff
- formal survey can be put together for teachers to provide more specifics in terms of wish lists

- NB may be the HUB for sports equipment
- Glenn Debaermaker and Dino Chiappetta have been speaking regarding helmets
- Skate to Great Program - \$100,000 (we will get between \$30,000-\$50,000)

Next Steps –

Election Package needs to be sent out

Election : October 9, 2018

Council Meeting Dates:

October 15 Next Meeting 6:30 p.m. Library

Minutes submitted by Tina Voltsinis.