

North Preparatory Junior P.S. - School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30 PM

Location: School Library

Present:

Chair: Naomi Fisher

John Barkous

Stephanie Rogers

Ellie Bakerman

Naomi Fisher

Becky Ayers

Anna Tikkanan

Jill Rosen

Aubrey Freedman

Laura Ovesia

Zohar Gilula

Wayne Marcus

Judy Lalovic

Cindy Closner

Lenny Foreht

Liza Anenon

Welcome, Introductions – Naomi Fisher – brief explanation of School Council

Approval of September Minutes – approved

Principal's Report:

Director John Malloy has created a Vision for Learning Educators Guide for 2016/17-

Focus: improvement for all students

Changes: new goals

- *Achievement – one goal*
- *Wellbeing – one goal*
- *Equity – one goal*

Teachers and Mrs. Closner decided on three clear and achievable goals. On the recent PA day the North Prep staff created focus areas. A statement has been written for each focus area. (Waiting for superintendent approval before being shared with the parent community.) These statements will be shared in a visual format throughout the school. Students will participate in creating the visuals.

Achievement: Explicit strategies in mathematics – scores were significantly lower than reading/ writing
Mathematics needs to be a focus of the school.

Equity: focus on students' voices. How they're feeling will help lead to how we will develop as a school/ community.

Wellbeing: focus on positive reinforcement on self-regulation and an active lifestyle.

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Treasurers Report:

Sally reviews financials, accounting records, and bank balances. Proper treasurer's report will be ready for next meeting. Ellie distributes previous financial reports, i.e. expenses in regards to income. Expenses: pizza lunch, field trips, etc. Income generation is improving.

Funding requests:

Cindy presents teachers wish list.

Naomi's goal: \$20k for 2016/17. Extra money raised will be from the community (sponsorships), not solely the parents.

Naomi presents what has been committed for funding.

Cindy explains each item on the wish list:

Scientists in the School – a program that comes into the classroom and leads the students. Direct links to the curriculum. Each teacher wants one experience during the year.

Mathletics – math is an area that requires more attention based on testing scores. Webinar will be presented to the staff tomorrow. Program is for use at school and at home. Online math fluency challenges. Children can challenge kids from their class, school, and all across the world. Reduces textbook expenditures. Engaging and beneficial.

Field trips – no discussion

Interactive board – B5 is the only homeroom without this technology.

Curriculum Enhancement Fund - specific to each classroom.

Enrichment - would be for presenters.

Technology support – guesstimate for what would be helpful for the school depending on what is needed. Will take on a case by case basis.

Ooka Island/ Razz Kids – online early literacy. It has an app that allows kids games to assist with early reading. Ooka Island is on sale for TDSB from a summer pilot. This new intro will drop the cost to \$10/ student. Geared towards JK/SK/1, (possibly grade 2's), and ESL. Games/ interactive and reviews are better than Razz Kids. Engages kids in sound learning.

Umpires/ sports/ buses – previously approved. New requests will be taken on a case by case basis.

Lego Robotics – Mr. Quach needs robotics materials in order to begin a robotics club. Junior grades (4-6). Competition associated with the club. Missed this years but goal is to be in it next year.

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Kindergarten toy shed – trying to find something free. Using bins at the moment. Council may need to contact organizations for donations.

Voting

- ✓ Scientists in the School – Priority 1
- ✓ Mathletics – Priority 1
- ✓ Field Trips – Priority 1*
- ✓ Interactive Board – Priority 1

Curriculum Enhancement fund – Priority 2 (funding will be voted on and allocated for this at a later date)

Enrichment presenters (assemblies) – Priority 2 (funding will be voted on and allocated for this at a later date)

- Author coming in for literacy month – Willow Dawson
- Tapestry of languages - Staff feels if we're pulling kids out of the classroom they're losing out on valuable learning time. This program would be during library time.
- (anti-bullying puppet show previously approved)
- ❖ Cindy suggests every child brings in a toonie to help fund these extra enrichments. Council will cover the rest.

Technology Support – approved but as a 3. Funding will be approved on a case by case basis.

- ✓ Ooka Island – Priority 1

Umpires, etc – previously approved. Additional funding will be approved on a case by case basis.

- ✓ Lego Robotics – Priority 1

*Vote on Field trip being decreased to \$10/ student versus \$15. The \$ difference will help fund Scientists in the School.

(With the funding collected from first round of pizza lunches we can fund all Priority 1 requests.)

Mrs. Hill submits receipt for technology cords. Approved by council. All staff has been notified that they must make a request before purchasing and bringing in a receipt.

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Next meeting Agenda:

- We will review treasurer's report and possibly add the \$5 back to the field trip budget.
- **Main topic: after-school clubs and activities (ex. chess club). Make priority for November meeting. Could begin in January and next year. All organizations hired must be affiliated with TDSB. Licensing fees need to be addressed. Cindy must be present at any before 6 activities. Possibility of coordinating with an existing sports club or program.**
- Possibility of December and March meetings will be discussed at next meeting

Jill proposed to notify parent community about their successes in previous fundraising.

POTENTIAL EVENT DATES:

Fun Fair –Saturday, June 17th*

Move-A-Thon – Tuesday, February 14th

Movie Night – Wednesday, April 19th (We will not have to pay for licensing a film on April 19th, 2017 - Date may conflict with basketball. Cindy will check into existing permits.)

Pot Luck – December 1st

Book Sale – December 1st in conjunction with pot luck. We will also sell t-shirts.

*Cindy needs to discuss with other principals for schools in the area to confirm Fun Fair dates. Also, check with other dates for permits, etc. for all event dates. Pot luck will have a raffle to raise some funds but otherwise attendees do not need to pay, just bring a dish.

Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting: November 16, 2016