

**Agenda – School Council Meeting  
North Preparatory Junior P.S.**

**Thursday, Dec. 10th  
Location: School Library**

**Final Minutes**

**Present:** ANNA TIKKANAN, ELLIE BAKERMAN, JILL ROSEN, JUDY LALOVIC, LAKSHMI KOTRA, LAURA OVESIA, MARY ZERVAS, MINH QUACH, NAOMI FISHER  
STEPHANIE ROGERS

**Welcome**

Stephanie Rogers, Vice Chair, on behalf of John Bakous

**Approval of minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Approved**

**Principal Reports – 15 minutes in total**

**KNG Playground Update:**

A little behind.

The final meeting to review the finished playground is scheduled for next Thursday

If inspection is complete, we will begin using it in the new year.

**APS Child Care Update:**

The project to renovate rooms B8 & B9 to house the pre-school room for the child care is continuing to move along but very slowly.

The project went out to tender and there were 3 bids.

The lowest was \$60,720 and then there is 15% contingency cost as well as HST for a total of \$78,905.64

The City has provided APS has \$50,000 but the rest must come from the childcare fundraising etc.

At this point it looks like the work will start after the break, in January.

The architect has confirmed that they have the building permit, but they are still waiting on the final mechanical permits.

TDSB is waiting for the cheque from APS.

They cannot start a project until they've received the funding. The cheque is supposed to be given to TDSB this week.

The construction is expected to take 4-6 weeks and then time is needed to license the new space by the Ministry. APS is expected to move into the new pre-school room by March Break

**Winter Concert**

Scheduled for Tues. Dec. 15, @ 6:30 p.m.

**Magnet with Important School Dates:**

Sent to printing and will have the magnet in January to distribute to the community

**School Communication**

We are an eco-school and we would like to maintain and hopefully improve our Eco-status. We are striving to use less paper across the school. And since now we are able to communicate via email and our school website is up-to-date, most school information including newsletters will be sent out via email. Our newsletters and all important information will be posted on our school website for easy access.

**IT Update**

Computer Committee met and came up with a 2 year plan

**Year 1:** 30 Chrome Books to replace the laptops we just lost for a total of \$10,248.30; accessories needed such as a BigGripFrame for an ipad (\$40.95); 6 HDMI long cords (\$103.75) **Total: \$10,394**

**Year 2:** 10 ipads for a total of \$4,959.20; ipad cases (\$500); ipad adapter \$118; 1 external DVD/CD (\$105); 1 Acer CXI ChromeBox (\$350); PD costs \$3,000. **Total \$9,350**

**Total cost for both years: \$19,744.**

**ACTION: Council approved all funding. For 2015/2015, funding for 20 laptops to be purchased immediately totaling approx. \$7000**

## **Charity to Donate “Spirit” Money - Free The Children**

*Free The Children is an international charity and educational partner. The organization is unique among Canadian charities in that it operates collaborative programs both domestically and internationally.*

*In Canada, the US, and the UK, We Day and We Schools are initiatives of **Free The Children** that educate and empower young people. **We Schools** is a yearlong educational program that nurtures compassion in students and gives them the tools to create transformative social change. And **We Day** is a series of stadium-sized events that celebrate youth making a difference in their local and global communities. In Africa, Asia and Latin America, they partner with communities to implement **Adopt a Village**, a holistic, five-pillar international development model designed to achieve sustainable change. Together with local leaders and families, they help to transform lives with solutions that are adaptive, effective and sustained long term by the community itself.*

## **Island School Trip for Grades 5-6 (Overnight)**

There was a last minute opening so the kids get to go!!!

Date: Wednesday January 13-15<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$75 per student. Teachers are using \$10 from the field trip fund. Final: \$65 per student.

## **Procedures for School Council Funds**

- The Board has specific procedures for councils to follow for funds raised.
- The person who collects the funds, usually the chair, counts the money in the presence of another person on school property and completes a Deposit voucher
- The second person verifies the amount and the two attach the deposit voucher to the envelope signed by both parties
- They hand the sealed bag to the person responsible for the deposit and complete the deposit log - please include the specific fundraising activity in the deposit log, the names and signatures of the two people who counted the money and the bag #
- The funds then are deposited in the appropriate account.
- When bringing funds to the office/deposits, if possible, please bring the funds to the office prior to 3:00 p.m.

## **Role of Council**

To engage parents, to improve student achievement, enhancement of programming and accountability As elected school council members your role is important in bringing forward through the chair or vice chair issues that are of concern to a large part of the community.

Addressing issues early and looking for solutions together is an important role that school council elected members can help and support.

## **Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer – 15 minutes**

Pizza & Hot dog lunches are doing super well!!! We have made over \$400 profit on each lunch day.

## **Breakdown of expenses.**

We have access to \$15,000

Category of commitments:

\$500 for School Jerseys

\$3,500 for field trips

Add \$400 for Black History Month

RAZ kids \$650 (Math subscription will be on hold.)

**ACTION: Ellie will add a commitment category and project our actually funds available for computers.**

## **Consultation Process and Feedback – Stephanie Rogers, Vice Chair**

We received a daunting email from Manon Gardner, Executive Superintendent, providing information for parents who want to provide feedback for the policies. There are 3 consultation dates. Discussed at the consultations will be "Process and Policy Creation". An email will be sent out to all parents in TDSB.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Fall Pledge Committee – Chair: Lakshmi Kotra**

1. Full year pledge rather than Fall

2. Larger benefactor donations.

Have the forms available at every event.

**ACTION: Very specific information on the pledge sheet. Ex. One specific goal to purchase one specific thing with the money raised. Put amounts and categories for flexibility. Laskshi will revise and send out.**

### **Pizza Hot Dog – Chair: Anna Tikkanen**

Discussion around allergies regarding hotdogs and pizza – committee has decided to finish the year, Jan-June with bi-weekly pizza.

Both Hot Dog and Pizza were wildly successful. Council raised approximately \$400 for each individual event.

**ACTION: Anna will inquire at Pizza Nova for allergy info.**

### **Winter Silent Auction Committee – Chair: Stephanie Rogers**

Flyer sent home with kids

Viewing starts at 5 p.m.

Minimums set.

Smaller things do better because people don't expect to spend hundreds of \$.

A couple of people will help with set up. Volunteers: Anna & Judy, Stephanie.

Close @ 6:25 and open again for 15 minutes after the show.

Call the next day and give pick up times for Wednesday and Thursday.

The Chair, Stephanie and an additional person will stay to count after the fact.

### **Dance-A-Thon Committee – Chair: Jill Rosen**

DJ Booked for Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. \$650 or \$699 for Bold.

**ACTION: Jill will inquire about pricing for a half day rather than a full day.**

### **T-shirts, Chair: Naomi**

Looked at redesigned logos and committee chose one they liked best.

**ACTION: Naomi will create a flyer for approval.**

### **Enrichment Committee – Chair: Naomi Fisher**

We have booked a Steel Drum performance for Black History Month.

### **Other Business**

Discussion around programming for parents:

- Mental Health
- Anxiety, stress
- Parenting
- Parenting skills
- Strategies to work with routines, homework

Apply for the PRO GRANT for 2016

**Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting: January 12, 2016**