

School Council Meeting

Final Minutes

January 22, 2015

Members Present – Ken Scriver, Fion Siew, Ellie Bakerman, Mary Zervas, John Bakous, Zohar Gilula, Vini Zetea, Beata Reitner, Paula Amaral, Dasantila Golemi-Kotra, Beata Reitner

Agenda Item	Decisions/Action Taken	Person Responsible
<i>Welcome and Introductions and Word From Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes everyone 	John Bakous
<i>Minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John directs everyone to look over last meeting's minutes. • John points out that we did obtain funding from the CST grant but we can pursue other funding in the future. • Ellie makes motion to approve the minutes. Fion seconds. Everyone approves. 	John Bakous
<i>Chair's Report</i>	<p>PIZZA LUNCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 170 students have ordered pizza lunch <p>DANCEATHON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ has been booked • Decorations – Mary will ask teachers • Mr. T and Fion will coordinate teachers day. • Hotdog sale on day. 	John Bakous

	<p>BINGO NIGHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to get bingo licence <p>FUN FAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. C will DJ for Fun Fair• Work on Permit <p>SCHOOL PERFORMANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Buium' class will be having a presentation on Monday Jan 26 about animals, conservation and environment. The company wants donation of \$375 but Ellie is suggesting \$200.• Ellie makes a motion for \$200. Ken seconds. All in favour. <p>DONATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Ministry does not allow school councils to be registered charities• Mary suggested we use TDSB charitable number. We will look into this.• School council chair received questionnaire regarding sexual education in the schools. John received questionnaire and submitted. Feedback will come back once they have all the results.	
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<i>Principal's Report</i>	<p>DISTRICT REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district review will take place on Tuesday January 27, 2015 where a team of principals and superintendents look at the different practices that are taking place in the school and assess the school from a big picture point of view. • They are looking at different components as per TDSB process guide K-12 School Effectiveness Framework, 2013 Version • They look at trends in the school as opposed to individual classrooms. They assess the work in the classrooms, in the hallways and speak to the children. There will be teams that will look at 3 classrooms each and will intermittently share findings and develop a report. Fion asked if they will look at ESL classrooms and Mary responded that the teams will be looking at all the classes including ESL. Students have been told there will be people in the school to ask questions. Mary will share the results and recommendations with the parents. • Superintendent will be give verbal feedback on the same day and written report will follow • Last year there was a more informal assessment and it 	Mary Zervas

	<p>was very positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school put together a video to summarize activities the teachers take to meet learning goals. <p>REPORT CARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming out middle of February. Honour role will be on March 6th not February 6th as per the magnet and directory. • JK will get full report card • Gr 1-6 will get first official report cards • Thursday Feb 12, 13 for parent reporting <p>MATH ONLINE PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waste to get a new program at this point • Teachers will be trying Math Prodigy in beginning of February and will be using it on a free trial for this year. If they like it they will sign up next year • Math prodigy is set up like a video game and students progress through levels. <p>SMART BOARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order has been placed. Company sent an email stating that Board of Trustees approved a new provider for interactive learning items. • First choice – turns white board into smart board • Second Choice – \$1100 projector that makes any 	
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	<p>surface interactive. Need a laptop and projector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New smart boards are not available because they changed their policies and new purchases are cost prohibitive. Previously purchased smart boards are not impacted, only new purchases. • Dasantila raised a question about the cost effectiveness of purchasing smart boards as opposed to cheaper, simpler technologies. Mary explained that the interactive learning is very important. The potential for learning is amazing and helps teachers to be more efficient. • Fion asked about the support for the smart boards going forward and Mary explained that the board buys 5-7 year warranties and the board supports it after that. • Mary hopes to place order in the next few weeks. <p>SCHOOL COUNCIL INSURANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary presented the forms to purchase insurance. The Council previously approved the purchase. • Council needs to fill out form and money will be taken from school budget and council will reimburse. <p>SKATING AND HELMETS</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Prep has skates and they need sharpening. • Extra helmets have expired. New ones will need to be purchased. 4-5 helmets for adults, 10 helmets for kids. • Skates can be rented at the arena • Ken suggested sending a flyer home informing parents to bring own helmets and skates. <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL WEBSITE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula will go to school and sit with Mary <p>TEACHER REP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time a teacher rep is not available <p>MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No luck in getting grants for instruments so far. • There will be enrichment programs for band and strings for the students that can handle it in grades 4-6 • Younger grades will be learning more movement and vocal 	
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income statement from Sept 2014 to December 31, 2014 was handed out. • Net Income for the period is \$1,427.14 • Balance in account is \$21,661.00 but we have not 	Ellie Bakerman

	<p>paid for any previous commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potluck raised \$742.60 and cost \$109.11 • One class took a field trip: JK/SK went to see Robert Munsch live theatre. 	
<i>Next Meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 26, 2015 	
<i>Adjournment</i>	8:25	