**SVPS School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, March, 2, 2023**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call**

*Welcome & Sign-In (Persons in Attendance):*

*\*Meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.*

Meena Sharma, Principal

Jackie Ventresca, Vice-Principal

Joella Connaught, Secretary

Joanne Marcano, Chair

Simone Lewis, Treasurer

Rishma Ramdath-Moorgen, Parent Member

Bridgette Rafuse, Parent Member & Faculty Rep

Babak Nikmard (CSW)

Alicia Ali, Parent Member

Vaasny Kangaiamaran, Parent

Gyanu Shah, Parent

*Regrets: N/A*

Minutes Approved from February 2023 meeting: Yes

* **Principal’s Report (school report):**

Pink Shirt Day (Recognition of Bullying):

-The day was a success with many students wearing pink shirts.

Lieutenant Governor Games:

-Students in the ISP classes participated in the games at Variety Village. It was a great event with other students joining as well.

Cooking & Nutrition Program:

-Students in grades 5 and 6 participated in preparing some healthy food items the week of February 26th. Students had the opportunity to learn about food and tried some recipes.

-April 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Lorrie Harris will be hosting a family cooking night session. Lorrie to send out registration form for the cooking workshop. Registration is required for participation.

February Assembly & Parent/Caregiver Engagement:

-The assembly focused on Black History Month and Chinese Heritage. Parent participation was a great addition, incorporating heritage moment guest speaks.

-Hoping to continue inclusion of parent heritage guest speaks either at monthly assemblies or over the morning announcements.

-Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to submit short video or audio (1minute or so) each month to reflect TDSB heritage months.

-Babak N spoke to parent survey and its focus on parent/caregiver engagement and services. He also asked parents at the meeting to complete the survey and to encourage other parents they know to complete the survey.

-Babak N to share flyers for programs which will be posted on the community board and pamphlets for the school office. He also guided parents on where to find more information on the programs on the TDSB website.

-Babak N advised that he would follow up regarding obtaining the Family Adventure Passports which should have gone out with report cards. They were not received as scheduled.

Graduation Planning:

-Planning for graduation is underway. The grade 8 graduation is schedule for June 26, 2023. Teachers are speaking with the students to obtain feedback.

-There are 18 grade 8 students this year. Grade 7 students also participate in the event as well, doing introductions of each grade 8 student. The cost for each student (dinner considerations) is $30.00 per student. The school council usually provides a financial contribute to the festivities as a gift to the graduates.

-There are 20 senior kindergarten students this year. School council will contribute a graduation token gift of the book “First Grade, Here I Come”.

* **School Budget Update (Budget Allocation):**

-Total budget allocated to SVPS is $42, 909. The amount of the budget is based on the number of students enrolled at the school.

- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is aligned with how the school spends funds.

-This year, SVPS’ main focus is on reading, decodable books and cultural relevant books. In addition, there is also focus on access to technology for students. For example, acquiring chrome books and stem materials (i.e.; Dash & Dot Program), and iPads.

* **School Council Chair Report:**

Cookie Sale Fundraiser:

-The cookie sale went well. A big thank you to parents who were able to volunteer their time!!

Black History Month Heritage Moments:

-The project went well; with parents/caregiver sharing a small presentation on the contributions of those of African descent to society. It was a good parent engagement opportunity as well as a good learning opportunity for the students.

4-Way Stop & Crossing Guard Application Update:

- SVPS’ application has been tentatively approved!! Thanks to all those who provided support by sending letters/comments to the city council.

-Safety Update-Orange pylons in the church parking lot serve a purpose; allowing for cars to be a safe distance from the school gate entrance. Please respect.

*NOTE:* At the end of May/early June 2023, the church parking lot will be closed to accommodate the playground construction. The school parking lot off Centre St is available for parking.

Fundraising:

-Parent support is needed to assist with events. Will continue to solicit for support.

-Discussion was had on some fundraising events to put together for the remainder of the school year. These include a Pizza Lunch Day and a Dance-A-Thon.

-Considerations such as pizza vendor, costs, payment method, music vendor, themes, prizes and financial goals for the two events were discussed.

-Joanne M to follow-up on vendors needed for pizza lunch, Rishma RM to purchase juice boxes for the pizza lunch.

-Advertising and provision of forms for the pizza lunch will begin after March break. Will look to find forms previously used in the school office or Rishma RM to create new form.

-Family Fall Fair-The date has been set for September 23, 2023. It was noted that this is also the International Day of Sign Language, so would be nice to include something about that as well.

-Joella C and Simone L to begin contacting potential donors for the silent auction portion of the event via email over March 2023.

-Call for donations from families if they have anything available that they would like to donate.

-Joanne M to follow up on food vendor, Mr. Corn for the event. Food can be ordered ahead of time and also on the day of at the food truck

-Joella C to send out what she has on file from 2021-2022 school year planning for the event.

* **School Council Treasurer Report:**

Cookie Sale:

-Total profit from cookie sale are as follows: made $225.00 in cash, $117.00 from cash online = $342.00. Minus cost of the cookies; a profit of $100.00 was made.

-Looking ahead to Pizza Lunch Day and Freezie Day Sale for more fundraising opportunities.

***Other Business:***

-None

*\*Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.*

*Next School Council Meeting to be held: April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom*

**Items to complete before next school council meeting:**

* Complete March 2023 meeting minutes (Joella Connaught)
* Follow-up with pizza lunch food vendor and Mr. Corn food vendor (Joanne Marcano)
* Send preliminary fall fair fundraiser plans from 2021-2022 school year (Joella Connaught)
* Begin contacting potential donors for the fall fair silent auction (Joella Connaught, Simone Lewis)
* Begin work on pizza lunch forms (Rishma RM)