

SAB School Council

Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2019



ATTENDANCE

Michael Kanalec (principal), Amira Kamel-Zia (vice principal), *Kristen Fox, *Paul Younger, *Purvi Acharya, Sara Durbano, Tracy Saunders, Lindsay Norman, Sarah Vandervoort, Renee Atkinson, Becky Morley, June Kirkpatrick, Christine Sheehan, *Melissa Churchill-Smith, *Michael Kinsey, *Blanka Krajc, Allen Attard, Tammy Wong, Beverly Essue, *Cori Frey, *Suman Lagali, Japmeen Johal, Teresa Silveira, *Nicole Johnston

**2018-2019 Council Executive members*

Start time: 6:40 p.m.

End time: 8:10 p.m.

Approval of agenda: all

Approval of the minutes of the June meeting: all

FUNDRAISING

No more QSP, so two new fundraisers planned for this year:

Big Box of Cards

\$33 for 33 birthday cards

One sample box per family, as well as promo materials provided

Target is to start the last week of Sept/first week of Oct

If a family doesn't want it, the sample can come back, but often they purchase it.

The payment method is still to be determined

World Famous Chocolate

There was a discussion on nut-free vs nut options (chocolate almonds) and all agreed to pursue the latter as it's more successful and simple with boxes being \$3/piece. Families with children with nut allergies can choose to sell the nut-free options. Michael has confirmed all families last year with children with nut allergies are comfortable with this fundraiser and he'll contact any new families this year.

Each family can take a case home (case has 30 boxes of chocolate almonds).

Even having 250 families, sell one case each will lead to sales of \$10,000.

Money can also be allocated for prizes and Tracy the lead will look into how to present, i.e. going into classes rather than a school assembly.

It's ideal to run over 3 weekends, timing TBD but likely over Thanksgiving to target family/friends.

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Brownies/girl guides/sparks – Sept 28 cookies already going into communities so need to be mindful.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Looking for 1-2 people to take that on - Michael and Teresa have volunteered.

Involves ordering hot dogs/burgers from Erie Meats; Costco for buns; No frills for veggie burgers/dogs

Check for condiments

Start BBQ around 3 p.m. and takes about 3 hours

Need to be mindful of line-ups

Michael K – Propane tanks and BBQ will be ready

Create google docs for the veg/halal options and also for the volunteers

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Anything ordered already is ok; some items are now missing

May need to change deadlines on items

Will advise once issues are resolved

BAZAAR 2019

Sign-up sheet for volunteers going out

Banners are being produced – 3 large ones + 10 lawn signs

Pre-paid tickets - looking into options with School Cash Online or having pre-stuffed envelopes. A separate table can be added for advance sales.

Gifts will be sent home at the next meeting for wrapping in preparation for the Bazaar.

DAYCARE REPORT

No major updates

4 members are stepping down this year and members for a new board of directors are needed; it's open to community members

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Thanks to School Council and parent volunteers

PSP volunteers (2) are needed – this Parent Safety Program used to support safe arrival of program in Kiss and Ride area.

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Laminating Volunteers Needed – Christine Sheehan to volunteer

Walking school bus volunteers are needed to expand the frequency of this activity started last year. Students gathered at the top of Gair and bottom of Foch to start walking to school. Ideally it would be more than once a month. Last year, was promoted via email and flyers posted in the school. Parents can leave their kids with the walking school bus so long as there are enough teachers/volunteers. It has increased the number of students walking to school .

Staffing

Class sizes monitored closely over the coming week. Staffing officers will advise schools of changes to classes/allocation early next week.

Welcome back to Mme Dibon-Smith, Mme Pappalardo; Ms. Vucinich; Mr Braw

New Staff: Ms Harwood and Ms Warson

School Support Team: Michelle Adams; Lorah Pilchak-Harley, Anna Taverniti – welcome aboard to Sylvia Ghobranios

Safe and Caring Schools

At least one rep - Paul has volunteered; meet 3 times per year to discuss overall issues.

Fire drills and lockdowns are being explained to students.

Anaphylaxis Review and Health Alerts - the school is prepared and staff are informed.

Abuse and Neglect – Duty to report - has been communicated to staff.

SAB Communications

School website: www.siradambeck.ca

School Messenger – attendance and email blasts

TDSB electronic start-up package – new system so there are delays; some families have not received any link or they haven't received form for both children. Amira will be tracking this.

School Cash Online - transitioning to the new system

Teaching and learning

First week assembly on the Wednesday morning that Michael calls a family meeting went well.

CCAT7 – Grade 3 testing (first weeks of October 2019) - test of cognitive ability used to identify areas of strength and need and also a strong identifier of kids that need extra – gifted specialization. Messaging will go home with students.

Curriculum night upcoming so parents can meet teachers/see classrooms.

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School events/activities

Sept 18 – 5 to 6:30 p.m. Welcome Back BBQ; 6:30 to 7:30 in class

Sept 25 – Photo day

Sept 27 – Terry fox run and walk

Oct TBA – Cross country meet #1

Oct 11 – PA Day

Oct 14 – Thanksgiving holiday, school closed

BUDGET

School year ends at the end of this month; we still have \$8,500 to spend by the end of the month. Some items were already approved last year and will be purchased, including the buddy bench, sensory pathway and banners for the Bazaar.

Some money will be put away in GIC (Amount TBD) for the SAB 100th year celebration. A planning committee will start soon. Amira will start feelers for artists for a celebratory community recognition of the 100th anniversary.

For the anniversary garden, the school is seeking manpower and funding for soil, river rock, etc. Janet McDougall did a mural in Peel region and Amira can look into that option as well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Potential of having Fun Friends run again this year? Michael will check with George Hull, but they have worked with this school already and may need to work with others now.

Lots of help is required for soliciting donations for the Bazaar this year. Everyone is encouraged to carry the letter and thank you cards around to any retailers when seeking donations.