



Zion Heights MS – School Council Meeting #7

Wednesday May 25, 2022
6:30pm – 8:15pm

Attendance

Principal Chi Le, VP Peter, June Leung, Phouvieng Sackda, Aaron Iravani, Terri Wen-Ying Sung, Seelan Visva, Banasha Shah, Katherine Whang, Kalan Chung, Kiran Asrani, Samson Chiu, Jenny Zeng, Hennedy Eng, May Li, Helena Li, Norman Lin, Nasrin Shabestari, Jian Yao, Lu Wang, Teisha Mullings, Chiho Iwata

1. Land Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples”

2. Welcome

Co-chairs – Phouv

Good evening and welcome to the sixth School Council Meeting. Thank you for joining us.

Approve Agenda for the meeting – Motion: Aaron second: Banasha

Approval of April 24, 2022 meeting minutes – Postponed to the next Council meeting

Student’s report

Grade 7-1 – Xavier & Andrey

- Students’ experience, and how we want to leave a mark in our school.
- We have grown microgreens with 7-2, by planting seeds in a soil dish, and placing the dish into a tray of water. This allowed us to grow many at a time, and they were DELICIOUS!
- We have helped the environment by cleaning up the school field from lots of garbage as well, because we need to keep our environment clean and tidy.
- We have also been to Albion Hills to learn about our environment and about maple syrup.
Fun fact: did you know it takes 40 liters of sap to make 1 liter of maple syrup. In addition our class was the first to go on a field trip this year.

3. Teacher's Report – (Ms. Tsoy sends her regrets) – Covered by Principal Le:

Grade 6:

- Looking forward to their TDSB outdoor education trip to the Sheldon Centre
- Are writing their EQAO tests online in June
- Having an anti-bullying presentation in the cafeteria in June as well working on play analysis and perform (Shakespeare midsummer nights dream)
- Learning about science of flight and air properties

Grade 7:

- Are currently enjoying their science unit and learning about plant biology and sustainable farming
- Learning about elections Ontario simu-elections
- Learning about data management and probability
- Engaging in coding and learning about AI, Microbits, JavaScript and code jeunesse (KCJ)
- Planning Grade 7 end-of-year bowling trip

Grade 8:

- Working on the school yearbook and are excited for their upcoming Grad Trip to Wonderland
- Looking forward to their graduation and proceeding dinner and dance at the Novotel Hotel
- Have been looking at issues /sustainability of fresh water and the water cycle
- Learning about the democratic process and elections as well as running an Elections Ontario simulated election
- Linking the democratic process in a historical context to confederation and the creation of the country.
- Math exploring algebra and linking graphs and tables to algorithms. As well as solving for unknown values and multi-step problems.

All grades:

- Students have been spiraling their learning, focussing on social justice in the curriculum and learning about Jewish and Asian Cultures in the Month of May
- Planning on a year end talent show
- The AHM student committee is organizing a guest speaker and film screening of Turning Red on May 31. Their reflection video will be played tonight for all TDSB trustees and senior team members
- Zion HMS athletics will be starting up in June.
- Intramural basketball will be run by Mr. Burgess, Ms. Ilias and Mr. Le;
- A grade 7/8 soccer tournament will be held on June 17 against Highland Middle School.
- ZHMS will enter a grade 7/8 boys and 7/8 girls team during the 1 day tournament

4. Principal's Report – (Principal Chi Le)

Health & Safety

- Our School Assigned Public Health Nurse will be visiting our school this Friday to discuss in-school TPH Health & Safety opportunities for students
- Daily reporting of covid cases will continue until the end of the year
- Rapid Antigen Tests are still available to families who request them
- Students/parents to come by the office to pick them up
- Families who are in quarantine can send a family member or friend outside of the household to the school to pick up RATs

Programs

- Staff Model and Timetable changes have been approved for 2022
- Bell times will remain the same 8:50 entry and 3:05 dismissal
- There is no option to select or change from virtual school; ZHMS will not be hosting classes next year. ZHMS students who have opted for virtual will be hosted by another school
- On May 10 - Zion Hosted a virtual open house for families who were offered Gifted Placements for next year
- On May 18 - Zion and the ZHMS School Council hosted an equity and anti-oppression workshop for parents

Staffing

- Ms. De Francesca has stepped in to assume homeroom responsibilities for 82 for the remainder of school year
- Our Special Education/Resource teacher Ms. Romeiro is currently on leave, Mr. Anihouvi will be filling in until further notice
- Our EA and SNA allocation remains unchanged for next year

Facilities

- Our exterior door and window replacement is proceeding as planned, work will continue throughout the summer.

5. Financial Report (Treasurer: Terri Sung)

We deposited 2 cheques in May. One cheque was from the spiritware in the amount of \$925. Another cheque was from the April pizza fundraising in the amount of \$325. After we deposited the two cheques, the total balance in our account is now \$10,408.34.

This month, we received another cheque which will be deposited into the account next week. The cheque was from the May pizza fundraising in the amount of \$100.

6. Other Business

Katherine – Pizza fund raising – Domino's Pizza

Graduation:

Phouv organizing and set up light refreshment drinks and prepackaged food like fruit by the foot, chips etc. for graduation reception. Teisha: concerned about including 'halal' snacks. Aaron: items proposed by Phouv do not pose an issue related to halal. The food items will not be packaged into

one bag but are loose individual packages. The selection can expand to include other items, still well within the approved \$600 budget.

Support options for families to attend graduation has been addressed by Mr. Le

Banasha: Year-End Celebration Luncheon hosted by School Council – 11:35pm – 12:55
Friday June 24, 2022 – Free (chicken hot dogs – halal) lunch for all students + talent show.

Concerns from Teisha about “Zion Heights Social Issues” has been push to June 22 meeting and will be address by Mr. Le.

Motion to adjourn: Phouv

Second: Aaron

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm