

# Zion Heights MS - School Council Meeting



ZION HEIGHTS MS  
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday October 2, 2019

Welcome from Principal Chi Li

Introductions:

- Pamela Pike, Acting VP
- Ms. Manu, Special ed coordinator and Math Department
- Key Kasravi, Council Co-Chair

Key Kasravi – copies of meeting agenda and future meeting dates provided

Motion to approve minutes from May 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Approved by all present members of 2018/2019 school council

All minutes from council meetings will be posted on Zion's website.

## **Principal's Report:**

Mr. Li from Dovercourt PS, Background in special ed., 12 years with the TDSB, taught abroad as well.

Zion Heights philosophy is create lifelong learners in all of our students

## **CUPE:**

Awaiting confirmation regarding job action

- caretakers and clerical staff are currently work-to-rule, reduced work load
- teachers and admins are pulling up slack, sweeping up where needed and filling in during lunch hour to ensure student safety.
- TDSB info will be communicated through Zion email
- Can check TDSB website for updates regarding the strike as well.

## **Facilities:**

Need to upgrade PA system, awaiting delivery. It was supposed to be done over the summer. It seems that there still needs to be budget approval regarding the PA system.

Some ceiling tiles need to be replaced.

The city is using 3 of our parking spaces for water main work. This includes storing equipment, including a port-a-potty.

- hasn't been an issue so far
- city responsible for fixing any damage that may occur due to their using the parking lot.

Lunchtime – office closed at lunch due to work to rule. Kids need to sign in and out in the foyer outside the office.

Lunchroom supervisors are primary adult contact during the lunch hour. They have walkie talkies and will call admin if additional support is needed.

Grade 8s are allowed to go out at lunch with parent approval.

Staffing – need LTO for 7/8 ELL classroom.

Teacher's Report:

- Nutrition breakfast program up and running – 8:30 – 8:45 - free for all students. Teachers come in at 7:30 to help prepare. 120-150 students take part.
- Zion is hosting five Gr. 7 and 8 students from Colombia until Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
- The academic programme has begun and most disciplines have launched into their first formal units [usually the beginning is a review and discussion of the year ahead]
- IEPs are almost all complete with the required professional diagnostic testing in language – IEPs going home on Oct. 10
- Consultation letters have been sent home to parents confirming the IEP process and input in giving advice on strengths and weaknesses of their child
- EQAO results have been sent out to all Gr. 7 students who wrote the test here in Gr. 6
- Gr. 7 students new to Zion will receive their results as they come in from their former schools
- Zion has been scoring very well over the last few years.
- Grade 6 students will be going on Oct 21 to Forest Valley Conservation area for a day long outdoor programme. Unfortunately not all classes could go at one time, thus, a split run of ½ Grade 6s in late Oct and the remainder will go in late January. Gifted and mainstream classes will be combined during these outings.
- The annual Mono Cliffs outdoor programme is slated for all Grade 7s in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. Details to follow.
- Planning for the annual Grade 8 trip to Eastern Canada [Montreal, or Quebec City in past years] will be discussed by a staff committee in the near future.
- Most sport teams are up and running [seasonal] and the music as well as robotic clubs have been started.
- **Sports** - Currently we have Gr. 6-8 cross country, Gr. 6 boys volleyball, Gr. 7 and 8 girls basketball Gr. 7 and 8 boys soccer, Gr. 7 and 8 boys volleyball and Gr. 6 girls basketball
- **Music** - Choir, Concert Band and Chamber and Concert Strings
- **Robotics** - team has started

- The library is now up and running with students being introduced to library protocol and hours of availability

**Upcoming Events** – October 9<sup>th</sup>, Grade 8 transition night. 6:30 – 7:30. High school options within the TDSB will be outlined and discussed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Council beginning the year with over \$4000 to start the year.
- Last year we spent most of our money on instruments
- Need a new project for 2019/2020...
  - Science lab is lacking, perhaps we tackle this
  - Library is another option
  - Will discuss at next Council Meeting

**Council Election:**

- By-laws in office outlines roles, conflict resolution, council composition etc. This was recently updated.
- Received 14 applications for a max of 15 spots (Key Kasravi holds his co-chair spot, as co-chair is a two year commitment).
- All of those nominated told everyone a little bit about themselves.
  - Sylvia Yim, Treasurer
  - Dava Slater, Secretary
  - Co-chairs: Key Kasravi and Aaron Iravani

**2019/2020 Council Members:**

Council Member	Position
Key Kasravi	Co-Chair 2018-2020
Aaron Iravani	Co-Chair 2019-2021
Sylvia Yim	Treasurer
Dava Slater	Secretary
Katherine Whang	Voting Member
Nafiseh (Nancy) Nafissi	Voting Member
Jane Tang	Voting Member
Banasha Shah	Voting Member
Jean-Paul Ngana	Voting Member
Vivian Zhong	Voting Member
Elsie Mandadakakis	Voting Member
Jennifer Gillick	Voting Member
Gayathri Samaroo	Voting Member
Parisa Tashakori	Voting Member
Hilda Hosseini	Voting Member

Motion to Accept the 15 nominated members – Jennifer Gillick, Seconded by Key Kasravi.

Vote for co-chair, as two people were nominated. Aaron Iravani elected co-chair.

Next meeting we will create committees to address various needs of the school and council.  
Parents do not have to be council members to be part of any council committee.

Safe and Caring Community. Every School is required to have this committee.

We were able to get the increased time for crossing at the crosswalk.

Have requested a speed limit reduction on Leslie surrounding school.

Anti-bullying initiative

Question regarding Agendas:

Can they be discounted? TDSB is getting agendas for a reduced price due to delay. This should be extended to they Zion community. Mr. Li will look into this.

Zion Clothing:

Want to sell clothing again this year. Looking at a vendor that will set up an on-line store to help us reduce the work on our end.

Looking at changing the meeting times from 6:45 to 6:30 on an ongoing basis. “Any objections?”  
None noted.

Meeting Adjourned.