

# Zion Heights MS - School Council Meeting



Wednesday November 6, 2019

Welcome from Chair: Key Kasravi and Principal Chi Le

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes from Oct 2, 2019 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:**

### **Introductions**

- Pamela Pike, Acting VP
- Ms. Karen Chung (teacher's rep at meeting)

### **Facilities**

The new PA system order has gone through the final budget approval, and the designs will be sent within the next three weeks. The school will receive an update at that time regarding when the system will be installed.

### **Program**

An "extra support" program has been setup for Math and English for Grades 7/8. Classes are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – during lunch or afterschool. Students are identified and recommended for the program. The program is staffed by 3 teachers and will run until Jan 24, 2020 and it is run through the Continuing Education program.

### **Staff**

November is the last month for acting VP Ms. Pike. Mr. Le thanked her for her contributions. Mr. Demakopoulos' return is still unknown at this time and he remains on leave. Mr. Le will follow up with Superintendent Addo on concerns of the rotating VP and address need for a longer term substitute or replacement.

### **Budget**

Preliminary School Budget for 2019-2020 is planned for \$98,718. Mr. Le circulate the breakdown and is available electronically on the TDSB site. This budget is reduced by ~\$3,900 from prior year due to a funding decrease of \$8/student. The impact of the reduction is unknown at this point until the all the individual departments' needs and budgets are finalized.

There was also discussion about the school utilizing Zion teachers to cover classes on field trips and other opportunities rather than bring in outside substitutes in order to save money in the budget. This was done very effectively last year and resulted in significant budget savings. The funds were utilized at year end to purchase 34 computers, 50 ipads, 20 chrombooks, French dictionaries, and a double door fridge for the nutrition program, and we ended the end with a \$10k surplus for 2020. Principal Le indicated he will follow up on implementing the same approach this year.

## Treasurer's Report:

- No activities since start of school year. Cash balance remains same at ~\$4,100
- Pizza Lunch fundraisers are being setup for the year.

## School Council Committees:

5 subcommittees were established and sign up forms were circulated. Goal is for subcommittee to meet separately and determine goals/initiatives for discussion at next meeting.

Subcommittee	Lead
Fundraising, Volunteer	Katherine Whang
Safe & Caring, Communication/Community Outreach	Elsie Mandadakis
Curriculum, Extracurricular & Enrichment Initiatives	Aaron Iravani
Strategic Planning, School & Facilities Improvement	Metwalli Abdelsalom

## Other Business:

Zion school apparel initiative is ongoing

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting December 11, 2019 @6:30 pm