



Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Feb. 4, 2016

Attendees:

Karlyn Tunbridge, Stuart Rogers, Anita Klubal, Kim McLennan, Alicia Edwards, Sabrina Hayden, Tanya Massad, Kathy Karakasidis Anita Wright, Roza Mangos, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Kassandra Lake, Heather Lin, Tara Kimberley, Ren Ciancusi, Kevin Willan, Kim Rogers, Angela Dattoli, Lucy Medeiros, Shirley Bernardo, Petra Wolfbeiss, Cindy Kosa

Regrets: Arlene Knights, Jocelyn Bamford, Bill Wilson, Jamie Galt

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Jan. 7, 2016 Minutes

- Review and approval of Jan. 7 meeting minutes

3. Principals Report – David Knight

- Cindy Kosa provided a brief school update in Arlene's absence
 - Arlene ill -- Gregg McCracken is currently filling in and may be continuing on he
 - Arlene has proofed the report cards and Greg will be signing them
 - Hockey team is up and running
 - Grade 6 students returning home from Kearney trip

4. Sunshine Childcare Update – Kim Rogers

- Two Seneca ECE students recently began their placements
- Bake sale fundraiser will be pushed to March
- Program details for March Break will soon be available

5. Treasurers Report – Anita Klubal

- Year-to-date summary provided – account balance approx. \$34,000
- Movie night fundraiser made over \$500
- *Question: Can we post the budget/account balance on the website? Yes*
- In light of the recent playground discussion with the TDSB -- We need to determine if Council really wants to spend the funds on an upgraded playground—how much is too much?
- *Question: Is it possible to reorganize the balance sheet in order to show the amount of funds allocated to each of the pillars and what is allocated for the playground? yes*

6. Fundraising Report

- Stuart provided a status update on fundraising efforts:
 - Valentine's communication reminding parents of the Flip Give promotion, Boston Pizza receipt collection and the Canadiana flowers promo
- Communications on the promos/fundraising initiatives will also be sent out around Mother's Day

Playground Update

- Maaja recently met with TDSB regarding the proposed playground upgrade – January 1, 2016 new AODA regulations/requirements came into effect which will have an impact on the proposed playground design
- New design requirements will in result in higher costs (i.e. accessibility requirements include new surfacing, ramps, etc.)
- *Question: What are the next steps? Maaja to discuss the changes with Arlene*
- Heather to look into potential playground grants – (i.e. Toronto dominion a green space grant , Aviva Community Fund)
- Communication regarding the project status will be going out to parents

Silent Auction

- Event will be held at Ace's Place on May 14
- Karlyn and Stuart met with venue to discuss logistics
- Ticketed event -- typically the event sells about 80 tickets
- Stuart reviewed last year's spread sheet and will send out an updated wish list
- *Question: When do we need to get the items? Now*
- March meeting will include more in depth discussions on the event
- *Question: Is there going to be a DJ for the silent auction – no there is a sound system onsite*
- Venue has made some suggestions for event (i.e. close-up magic, special drinks etc.)

Spirit Wear

- Forms went home on Monday
- Sizing is next week – 3:00-4:00 every size of every piece of clothing (Feb. 10)
- School receives \$5 on every piece of clothing sold
- Feb. 16 order goes in and then it takes 2-3 weeks for production
- Council may buy a few of the popular items just to have a small supply on hand

Dance-a-thon

- Pledge envelopes going home with students
- Looking for old cds and dvds to use as decorations
- Gifted classes to make event decorations
- Looking for some additional prizes
- Small conflict with the hockey team as their game is on that day

Big Box Fundraising -- Cards

- Organizers have provided both the parent letter and presentation for students
- Boxes expected to arrive Feb 19 and students will be bringing the material home on Feb 26
- Cassandra, Alicia, Shirley to help Roza with logistics
- School makes \$11 per box
- Order forms and unsold cards due back March 20
- Prizes for top sellers/class

7. Communications

- Heather continues to work with Rodney on updates for the Simcoe website – main page has been updated to include upcoming events and important dates – more updates to come

- Heather still looking to have a redesign of the site for Sept. 2016
- Some concern around the number of fundraising initiatives currently underway (Jan.1-Apr.1)
 - Fundraising and communications plan will be created for the 2016/2017 school year (June 2016 Council Meeting)
 - Question: *Can we find out the deadline for printing of the school calendar? Karlyn to inquire*

8. By-laws

- Committee includes: Arlene, Karlyn, Stuart, Kathy K, Maaja, Petra, Lucy, Maria
- Committee met to discuss current by-laws and review any required changes--Arlene sent along notes in her absence
- Committee determined existing document still relevant
- Small wording changes and potential election process revision will be made and brought to the next Council meeting to review
- Some discussion regarding the source document referenced – Stuart and Karlyn to look into updates to determine election process
- Question: *Do the by-laws have to go to the TDSB for approval – no*

9. Other Business

Pancake Breakfast

- Feb. 9, 2016.—event all set
- About 274 students participate

Alice in Wonderland production

- The production is going well Mrs. Kosa is helping out
- Back stage crew selected soon
- Costume list going home next week
- Grades 3-6 involved

Dates for upcoming meetings

- Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 19, June 9

Next council meeting – Mar. 10 – with a focus on fundraising and by-laws