

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – April 7, 2016

Attendees:

Arlene Knights, Karlyn Tunbridge, Stuart Rogers, Anita Klubal, Kim McLennan, Alicia Edwards, Sabrina Hayden, Tanya Massad, Kathy Karakasidis, Anita Wright, Roza Mangos, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Cassandra Lake, Heather Lin, Kevin Willan, Shane McDonough, Kim Rogers, Shirley Bernardo, Rich Holt, Jamie Galt, Cindy Kosa

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of March 2016 Minutes

- Review and approval of March meeting minutes

3. Principals Report – Arlene Knights

- Annual staffing allocation has been provided by the TDSB – formal process board wide – enrollment predictions haven't increased as much as TDSB expected. As a result:
 - Our Primary communication class has been eliminated for the 2016/2017 school year
 - Only one ECE will remain for Kindergarten classes (one smaller class with 15 students will operate without an ECE)
 - Declaring surplus – teacher(s) will be departing (process will be based on seniority)
- Elizabeth Simcoe has been allocated 16 teachers for 2016/2017
- Three gifted classes remain for the upcoming school year
- The school's staffing committee has met to discuss allocation and begin drafting possible models
- Overall the projected numbers look close to the 2015/2016 school year – full headcount down slightly
- Once a preferred model has been approved, it will be presented to Council (June 2016 meeting)
- During the month of May teachers are consulted on preferred choices
- Students and staff are getting ready for the upcoming track and field season
- Birchmount track and field meet will take place in early June

4. Sunshine Childcare Update – Kim Rogers

- Ministry in to conduct licensing review – successful
- Two new staff have started
- A few new student enrollments
- Summer and fall programming will be distributed by end of April
- Plant fundraiser was very successful

5. Treasurers Report – Anita Klubal

- Year-to-date summary provided – account balance approx. \$36,131.99
- Dance-a-thon fundraiser raised just under \$3,400
 - Some of the funds have been used to purchase Orff instruments—\$400
- \$801 raised with through the spirit wear fundraiser
- Annual Scholastic Book Sale generated about \$4000 — Elizabeth Simcoe received on average 60 per cent back in books
- Still looking for a volunteer to take on the treasurer role for the 2016/2017 school year

6. Fundraising Report

Silent Auction:

- Event will be held at Ace’s Place on May 14
- Still looking for donation items – 28 items confirmed – plus class art and 6 couches
- Members are asked to inform Stuart when additional donations are received
- Potentially 8 live auction items
- Raffle – sports tickets and hotel (decision made to split the additional tickets into a second raffle prize rather than winner takes all)
- Council will purchase Blue Jays tickets as has been done in the past to supplement raffle prize(s)
- Classroom baskets will be consolidated for a total of five, themes include:
 - Gift cards
 - Movie night
 - Coffee tea chocolate
 - Nerf
 - Rainy day
- Volunteers are needed for the event – 3 people on door, 2 table captains, 50/50, set-up, etc.
- Event set-up begins at 5pm, actual event begins at 7:30
- Kathy covering signage design once again this year and Stuart will take care of printing

Big Box Fundraising:

- Order forms and unsold cards due back March 20
- Roza, Alicia and Sabrina are managing this event – 18 boxes still outstanding
- Fundraiser has raised about \$4,000
- Prizes, raffles etc. for the students and classes still to come
- Orders should be arriving during the week of Apr.18
- Samantha Hall has provided a great deal of support for this fundraiser – thank you gift will be presented
- Organizers suggested waiting a year to run this initiative again (profits typically go down if fundraiser is run consecutive years)

Spirit Wear:

- Dollars raised through this fundraiser (\$801) will be allocated to the purchase of new school jerseys
- Anita W has volunteered to help out with this purchase if needed

7. Playground Update/ Discussion – Arlene & Maaja

- Arlene working with TDSB rep – looking for assistance to avoid further delays and/or project obstacles and at the same time modify the current design plan to accommodate AODA regulations (i.e. design costs/fees, split funding for construction and installation)
- TDSB currently working on the terms of reference (6-8 wks). Arlene should know by May
- More information will be provided at the next Council meeting (June)
- Heather to draft an update on the playground fundraising for distribution to parents – Arlene, Maaja, and Karlyn to review and approve

8. By Law Review Discussion

- Discussion will be moved to the next Council meeting to allow sub committee to review proposed changes

9. Other Business

Photo Yearbook

- Question – *Can student photos be uploaded to the school's website – only if they can be placed somewhere that can be secured*
- Each family will receive a disc (photo yearbook) containing photos from school events held during the 2015/2016 school year – thank you for the support provided to council and staff
- Approx. \$600 for production costs
- Production takes about 1 week – students will receive the disc at the end of the term (June)
- Kevin and Rich to follow up
- Kathy will design the disc label

Basketball Net

- Arlene to inquire about installation (TDSB requirements)
- \$1200 has been allocated for the purchase and installation of two replacement basketball nets (playground)

Alice in Wonderland

- Rehearsals going well – students having a great time
- Show night—lots of volunteers – photography, make-up, etc.
- Cast will be provided photos post production

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

- April 20 – those interested in contributing are asked to contact Michelle Stapleton on email (mstapleton.nd@sympatico.ca)

Reaching Out Grant

- Heather will be drafting and submitting the grant application
- The requested grant funds will be used to host a parent education event covering topics such as cyber security, anti bullying and mental health
- Grant would provide up to \$1,000 for initiative(s)

Next council meeting – June 8 (please note that June 8th is a Wednesday)