



Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Sept. 29, 2016

Attendees:

Karlyn Tunbridge, Alicia Edwards, Kerri Commisso, Joe Pochodyniak, Maria Pochodyniak, Tanya Massad, Maria Christopoulos, Lara Pingue, Denise Byard, Melissa So, Sabrina Hayden, Kim Rogers, David Paton, Kathy Karakasidis, Shirley Bernardo, Cindy Kosa, David Knight, Debbie Draper, Susannah Musselmau, Renato Ciancusi, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Lindsay Lockyer, Jennifer Vogan, Kevin Willan, Heather Lin, Lucy Medeiro, Roza Mangos, Anita Klubal, Jami Galt, Shane McDonough, Cassandra lake, Anita Wright, Kim McLennan

1. Welcome Back

Status update provided by TDSB School Trustee Jerry Chadwick Trustee and TDSB Superintendent Kerry-Lynn Stadnyk provided an update for the 2016-2017 school year.

Community Meeting – Oct. 20

- Important community meeting coming to be held at Sir Wilfred Laurier High school to discuss the TDSB cluster school study.
- Currently schools sitting under 65% capacity will be reviewed.
- Guildwood elementary schools will be included in this study.
- Following the community meeting (Oct. 20) recommendations/suggestions will be presented to Trustees to begin the formal process of the study.
- Any parents unable to make the meeting or would like further information may contact Jerry via email.

Indigenous Relations

- Orange Shirt Day – Friday, Sept. 30 (recognizing the victims and survivors of the residential school system); morning message to include traditional territory recognition; looking to increase curriculum in this area.

Pick Up and Drop Off Safety Reminders

- Parent reminded to adhere to parking regulations in the area of the school (i.e. no parking zone)
- Illegal parking creates multiple safety issues for students
- Council to look at options for increasing communication regarding this issue

2. Approval of June 2016 Minutes

- Review and approval of June meeting minutes

3. Council Executive Results – Arlene Knights

Incoming Executive Members:

- Karlyn Tunbridge - Chair
- Renato Ciancusi – Vice Chair
- David Paton – Treasurer
- Kim McLennan –Secretary
- Please note: Executive members (including members at large) cannot miss more than 2 meetings in order to maintain membership.
- Fundraising Chair – As no name was put forward and in light of the decision to concentrate on the approved program list rather than concentrate on a major fundraising event, the Council will operate without this executive position for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Outlook for the Year – Karlyn Tunbridge

- Welcome to the group and new members
- If parents cannot attend Council meetings but have questions or would like to volunteer for events, contact Karlyn or Council email
- Minutes will be posted on the website and distributed to council

5. Principals Report – Arlene Knights

- Busy start to the year
- Steady enrollment over the summer
- Lots of extra-curricular up and running (over 100 students are currently participating in Cross Country) Borden ball and two softball teams playing, primary and junior choir have started, student committees organized(student equity, social justice, eco team) -- strong emphasis on holistic learning
- New permanent ECE has been added to 2nd Kindergarten Classroom due to increase in enrollment numbers
- Playground – TDSB has approved design and terms of reference with hopes of installation for the spring of 2017
 - TDSB will be assigning a project contact/designer to work on the project
- Simcoe has been recertified as a “gold certified” school – eco school
- New gifted screening program has come into effect – new universal screening – all (informed consent) students in grade 3 will be participating in the cognitive screening
- Arlene to determine when and if parents receive the screening results.

6. Sunshine Childcare Update – Kim Rogers

- Busy start at Sunshine – staff changes (three left) new ECE started this week
- Started first fundraiser – fall planting – forms due back prior to Thanksgiving
- Blocks purchased from June fundraiser
- Replaced one doll house and looking for a new one
- Still collecting Canadian tire money

7. Treasurers Report – Anita Klubal

- Year-to-date summary provided – account balance approx. \$46,000.00
- Funds will cover existing programming and playground installation
- TDSB will be covering half of the playground cost

8. Communications Report

- Council was successful in receiving the *Reaching Out* grant - \$1000 will be allocated to hosting workshops for parents during the 2016/2017 school year. Thank you to Heather for drafting and submitting the grant proposal.
- Workshops to include:
 - Bullying and Cyber Bullying – Nov. 2016
 - Mental Health Awareness – Feb. 2017
 - Cyber-Security – Apr. 2017
 - Supporting you School – June 2017
- Rodney will continue to update the website
- Heather to update e-blasts and Kathy K will be taking care of distribution

9. Review of 2016/2017 School Year Approved Activities

- Overview list distributed with further discussion tabled to Oct. Meeting
- Rugby Workshop – Arlene has contacted
- Duffle bag theatre has been contacted
- Rocks and Rings will be held on Dec 13 and 14
- Event subcommittees created:
 - Dance-a-thon - Shirley, Anita, Alicia, Maria, Melissa, Tanya
 - Movie Night - (#1) Roza , Jamie, Karlyn (#2) Shirley, Sabrina, Lindsey
 - Pancake Breakfast - Alicia, Tanya, kim, Lindsey

10. Other Business

- **Nitwits Lice Screening:** \$5.00 per child/ three visits per school year - passed
- **Spirt Wear Oct. Sale:** looking for suggestions for where to spend the dollars raised
- **Basketball Hoops:** two breakaway basketball hoops for the schoolyard have been purchased – installation to come

Next council meeting – Oct., 27, 2016