



Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Oct.27, 2016

Attendees:

Karlyn Tunbridge, Alicia Edwards, Tanya Massad, Anita Wright, Roza Mangos Lara Pingue, Sabrina Hayden, David Paton, Kim Rogers, Shirley Bernardo, Renato Ciancusi, Joe Pochodyniak, Maria Pochodyniak, Melissa So, Cindy Kosa, Kevin Willan, Heather Lin, , Kim McLennan, Rich Holt, Maheshi Thailakasena

Regrets: Kathy Karakasidis, Susannah Musselman, Lucy Medeiros, Stuart Rogers, Bill Wilson, Kerri Commisso, Denise Byard, Maria Christopoulos, Jamie Galt, Arlene Knights

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Sept. 2016 Minutes

- Review and approval of Sept. meeting minutes

3. Principals Report – Cindy Kosa on behalf of Arlene Knights

- Term off to a great start.
- Tremendous support from staff, students and parent volunteers for Simcoe's cross country team. 96 students participated this season with outstanding results achieved.
- A number of other teams currently underway including softball and borden ball.
- Primary, Junior and Chamber Choirs have all begun – first concert is on Nov.11.
- Guitar Club (Grades 4,5,6) underway.
- The outdoor/playground basketball nets will be installed shortly.
- Progress reports distributed to students on Nov. 16 and parent interviews scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18.

School Improvement Plan:

- Draft copy circulated – new format for 2016/2017 school year following the restructuring of the TDSB.
- Vision for Learning Goals:
 - Achievement (focus placed on math for current school year)
 - Well-being (focus placed on anxiety—2 parts, one in class and one at home)
 - Equity (focus on inclusivity – goal is to foster an inclusive learning environment)
- All TDSB schools must develop an improvement on an annual basis.
- Comments and feedback welcome – Arlene to submit plan to Kerri-Lynn on Nov.2.

4. Sunshine's Childcare Report – Kim Rogers

- Staffing update – Mr Micheal coming on board.

- Miss Danielle moving to Fairmount for new role.
- Fundraising – bulbs arriving soon.
- Students will be participating in a dance class with Melissa.

5. Treasurer's Report – David Paton

- Year-to-date summary provided – account balance approx. \$46,000.00.
- Funds will cover existing programming and playground installation (TDSB to cover half of the playground cost).
- Back-to-School BBQ – discussion to take place closer to end of school year regarding costs for 2017.
- Pizza money now collected and will appear on bank balance for Nov. meeting.
- Approved activity list distributed.

6. Communication's Report

- Website updates continuing. Be sure to check the calendar for events, etc.
- Investigating options for website revamp (i.e. secured page(s) for parent, etc.)
- Reaching Out Grant – first workshop scheduled for Nov. 30 at 6:30. Discussion topic will be bullying. Gary Crossdale will be the guest speaker and will discuss issues/topics relating to bullying including Safe Schools Act. Q and A's and break-away groups will also be facilitated.
- Heather will be looking into Mental Health Workshop ideas for Feb. 2017.
- Joe will be looking into the Eco grant application.

7. Events/Communications

- Wheelchair Basketball workshop will be held in the spring.
- Duffle bag theatre will be held in Jan.
- Rocks and Rings will at the school on Dec 13 and 14.
- Spirit Wear – order forms distributed – students can choose from two logos.— Nov. 7 (3-4pm), Clothing samples will be available to try on for sizing – funds generated will go towards purchasing new sporting equipment.
- Grade 6 students taking part in the annual Kearney outdoor education trip.
- Movie night needs to be rescheduled – Karlyn to inform group of new date.
- Alicia to contact Nitwits to arranges logistics.
- Karlyn and Mrs. Kosa will be coordinating the spring school production – more details to come.

8. Other Business

- Photo yearbook – Rich to review possible options for 2016/2017 schoolyear – further discussion at an upcoming meeting.
- Guildwood Schools Community Meeting Oct. 20, 2016 :
 - Speakers included Jerry Chadwick, Kerry-Lynn Stadnyk, Geof McMacken, Keff Latto

- Large turnout
- Student accommodation reviewed (discussion included schools currently under review, accommodation issues, range of options and timeline)
- Slide deck and meeting notes to be sent to those in attendance.
- Proposed plan to be announced Spring 2017.

Next council meeting – Nov., 24, 2016