

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – April 6, 2017

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Anita Wright, Cindy Kosa, Janna Solman, Joe Pochodyniak, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kathy Karakasidis, Kim McLennan, Kim Rogers, Lucy Medeiros, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Maria Pochodyniak, Melissa So, Ren Ciancusi, Roza Mangos, Shirley Bernardo, Tanya Massad, Kassandra Lake

Regrets: David Paton, Heather Lin

1. Welcome

- Mrs. Kosa played a video message from the students in recognition of the recent School Council funded purchase of the bass xylophone (supporting the Orff Music Program)

2. Approval of March 2017 Minutes

- Review and approval of March minutes

3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman

2017 Classroom Organization

- Elizabeth Simcoe has been allocated 16 teachers (remains the same as existing school year)
- Straight grades on the gifted side and splits for the remaining classrooms
- TDSB 20 student caps on classrooms still remain on primary grades
- Where possible, teachers will break out subjects to keep similar grades together (i.e. social studies)
- Designated Physical Education, Music and French teachers will remain
- Elizabeth Simcoe will be getting a new EA
- Staffing committee has met to discuss entrance and dismissal times
- Commencing in Sept. 2017, school hours will be the same for the entire school

Children's Mental Health Week

- May 8 – 12
- Various special events and guest speakers will be hosted (i.e. Toronto Board of Health, Aisling, Yoga)
- Working out the final logistics and planning – finishing off the week with pizza lunch

Upcoming Activities

- Dental screening
- Folk Dancing jamboree
- Spring Concert (April 20)
- Track and Field Season

4. Sunshine Childcare – Kim R

- Ms. Brenda started following March Break
- Vandermeer orders will be arriving soon
- Summer programming and Sept registration information will be distributed in the coming days

5. Treasurers Report – Karlyn for David

- Current council budget: \$53,254.30
- Additional cheques to be coming out of the account in the coming weeks (i.e. classroom enhancement, recess bags, etc.)
- Additional Pizza lunch money still coming in and out of the account

6. Communications Report

- Next workshop booked for the evening of May 9
- June 14 will be the final workshop of the year and will be focused on positive parenting
- ***Question:*** *Are the workshops open to the community? Yes, anyone can attend.*
- Sabrina, Rodney and Stuart met to discuss website updates and reviewed security requirements with Janna (tremendous amount of legalities associated with posting photos and student work online)
- There will be specific administrators for the site providing more structure – meeting with Kathy to discuss graphics etc.
- Rodney is currently costing out/drafting proposal on website upgrades
- Sabrina to bring proposal to June meeting
- New website will be launched in Sept.
- If the school/council maintains a presence on Facebook , someone will need to manage it

7. Fundraiser – Simcoe Social

- Scheduled for May 13, 7pm at Aces
- Event notices going home next week including instructions for the classroom baskets
- Ticket information distributed to school community after Easter long weekend
- Melissa creating a Mother's Day basket
- Targeting 12 silent auction items and 4 live auction items – Future fundraising efforts will need to focus on experience based programming rather than tactile /rejuvenation in light of the ongoing PARC recommendation

8. Playground Update

- Janna and Maaja met with TDSB landscape architect – breaking ground over the summer – playground plans look good

- Hopeful new playground will be complete by the end of Sept.
- Construction fence will be erected over the summer while the construction is underway
- Project managers will be over-seeing the project over the summer
- Maaja to project manage on behalf of Council over the summer
- Kim R to look into build plans in case of summer camp restrictions
- Estimated to be 6-8 wks of work involved

9. Upcoming Events/Updates

Branded Canopy

- Lucy provided cost estimates for 10x10 branded canopy – with graphics – \$677.99 – unlimited graphics—Council elected to purchase two units to be used at sporting and social school events

Basketball Backboard

- Ren provided approx. costs for backboards - \$563 each
- Questions still remain regarding the logistics of installation – Janna to find out more info regarding installation requirements from TDSB

Music Stand Purchase Request

- David Knight submitted a request to purchase new music stands \$39 each and/or \$468 for two boxes of stands—Council approved purchase

Movie Night

- Deferred to Fall 2017

Digital Yearbook

- Collected approx. 1000 photos from about 25 events, looking for additional photos from teachers
- Kathy using Google drive to collect images
- Janna to review forms/media releases and photos where necessary
- Kathy to format the photos and prepare the entire file to burn to disc
- Going to go forward with the disc for the 2016/2017 school year but then look to allocate the photos to the website in the coming years.
- All photos need to be submitted to Rich and Kathy by June 7
- Kathy to oversee production
- Rich to touch base with Kevin regarding production/distribution logistics – discs to be distributed to students (one per family) on the last day of school

Value Mart Fundraiser

- Continues until Easter long weekend
- About 50 cards distributed
- Stuart report on total dollars raised at June next meeting

Next Meeting: June 1