



Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Sept. 28, 2017

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Anita Wright, Cindy Kosa, Janna Solman, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kim McLennan, Lucy Medeiros, Maria Pochodyniak, , Roza Mangos, Shirley Bernardo, Cassandra Lake, Sabrina Hayden, Stuart Rogers, David Paton, , Heather Lin, Kerri Commisso, Lana Durst, Kathy Karakasidis, Sharmila Sivasankaran, Kim Rogers, Hilary Kerr, Amy Zubick, Mathana Tharmalingam, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Sheryl Joyner, Pearl Lamont, Lara Pingue

Regrets:

Melissa So, Jamie Galt, Ren Ciancusi, Bill Wilson

1. Welcome

Welcome back, glad to see the returning parents and happy to welcome the new faces around the table.

2017-2018 Council Executive School Members:

Chair: Karlyn Tunbridge

Vice Chair: Sabrina Hayden

Treasurer: Lana Durst

Fundraising Chair: Hilary Kerr

Important note for voting members: please try to attend the scheduled meetings as there needs to be quorum when votes are held.

2. Approval of June 2017 Minutes

- Review and approval of June minutes

3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman

Sept. Recap

- The current school year is off to a great start.
- Simcoe's School Council is an extremely important element of our school community. Its efforts assist with student programming, infrastructure and equipment improvements, and the overall well-being of the school and its students.
- Please keep in mind the discussions held during meetings should stay focused on the Council and its activities.
- Projected school enrollment in June was 261 – Sept. actual was 262.
- Playground structure installation – expected to be completed this fall.

- The bike area at the rear of the school including the fence and grass has been removed and will be paved. Students can now use the bike racks which have been relocated to west end of the yard.
- The cement bench/ structure in the Kindie yard will be removed in the fall – will be looking for ways to spruce up the area for the students.
- Chrome books have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the coming weeks – reminder this is a School Council funded initiative.
- Many activities currently underway including: cross country (80 students participating), Annual Terry Fox fundraising activities (expected to raise \$1000), Choir, Borden Ball.
- Student programming activities scheduled for later in the school year include Jr. students visiting the **National Ballet of Canada** (April 24), the primary students will be working with a local dance troop c/o of Mellissa So who will lead the students in a dance class on the same day. This is also a School Council funded initiative.
- **Rocks and Rings** will be visiting the school on Dec 20-21 – all students will be participating.

4. **Sunshine Childcare – Kim R**

- Off to a fast start.
- Staffing changes underway.
- Currently have 2 college students on board until early Dec.

5. **Treasurers Report – Karlyn for David**

- Current council budget: \$26,222.90.
- \$15,000 will be subtracted for the recent purchase of chrome books.
- Approx. \$11,000 remains for approved activities.

6. **Communications Report**

- Parent Workshops will be organized once again this school year – just waiting to hear back from the “Reaching Out” grant. Heather is currently looking into potential topics and speakers.
- Lana will be hosting a financial literacy workshop to be held later in the year for both students and parents.
- Council will also be looking into other grants (i.e. Best Buy Technology Grant).
- Heather to look into further promotion relating to the Pledge #choosekind – perhaps the student social justice group could take this one on.
- Looking for a volunteer to create and manage a Twitter account for the school.
- Suggestion made to contact local arts and culture groups/clubs to see about potential partnerships. Karlyn to contact Scarborough Village Theatre.

- Sabrina and Rodney continue their work on updating the school website – aiming for later this fall to update.
- Sabrina to distribute monthly updates.
- Kathy to contact Shelia regarding the email administration.

7. Approved Activities

EVENT	DATE	TEAM
Movie Night (2)	Friday November 24, 2017	<i>Jaime, Roza & Karlyn</i>
	Friday March 23, 2018	<i>Pearl , Lara, Mathana</i>
Pancake Breakfast	Tuesday February 13, 2018	<i>Sarah, Alicia, Tanya, Kim</i>
Dance-a-thon	Thursday March 8, 2018	<i>Melissa, Maria, Tanya, Alicia</i>
Back to School BBQ	Thursday September 20, 2018	<i>Shirley</i>
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday December 4-Friday December 8, 2017	<i>Laura Alary & Lucy</i>
Christmas Raffle	Thursday December 7, 2017	<i>Karlyn & Bill</i>
Pizza Lunches	Monthly: October-June	<i>Angela Hetherington</i>
Parent Workshops/Grants		<i>Heather</i>
Nitwits	Friday September 15 & March 2018	<i>Alicia</i>
Spirit Wear	Late October/Early November	<i>Anita</i>
Box of Cards	October 2-23, 2017	<i>Roza, Sabrina</i>
Angel Tree	Late November – Early December	<i>Tiina Manuel & Tanya</i>
Silent Auction	May 2018	
PC Sponsored Workshops/Trips:		
National Ballet Grades 4-6	Tuesday April 24, 2018	
Rocks & Rings	December 20-21, 2017	
Latin American Drumming	November 20-24, 2017	

8. Other Business

Pizza Lunch – Forms distributed in the coming days with students. Thanks to Sheryl Joyner for the donation of a fridge enabling the early delivery of milk orders for these events.

- Volunteers still needed for these days. Please contact Angela H.

Spirit Wear – Anita to once again lead this initiative. Volunteers needed for sizing days.

Annual Silent Auction – to be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Donor Recognition – Power Play need to be recognized for the outstanding support they have provided including the generous donations of the playground benches.

- Looking for ideas for a donor wall, playground opening ceremony, plaque acknowledgment, etc.

Next Meeting:

October 26, 2016 6:30-8:30pm