

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Oct. 26, 2017

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Anita Wright, Janna Solman, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kim McLennan, Roza Mangos, Shirley Bernardo, Cassandra Lake, Sabrina Hayden, Stuart Rogers, David Paton, Heather Lin, Kerri Commisso, Lana Durst, Sharmila Sivasankaran, Hilary Kerr, Mathana Tharmalingam, , Sheryl Joyner, Melissa So, Mrs. Tsioutsoulas

Regrets: Kathy Jamie Galt, Bill Wilson Kim Rogers Kathy Karakasidis Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke Lara Pingue Lucy Medeiros

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Sept. 2017 Minutes

- Review and approval of Sept. minutes

3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman

- Lots of recreational activities currently wrapping up and kicking off including Cross Country finals, soccer, borden ball and volleyball.
- Mrs. Kosa has also started practicing with all three choirs – Primary, JR and Chamber.
- The Tech Club, ECO Club and new this year, the Grade Five Girls Club underway
- Mad Science has also started during the noon hour on Fridays
- Oct. 27 - **Primary STEM Rotary Day**
- **Report Cards** will be distributed to students on **Nov 14** and **interviews** for parents and teachers will be scheduled on **Nov. 16 and 17**.
- **New Playground** – remaining work including the addition of wood chips for the ground cover wrapping up this fall
- **Kindie play area** – the cement half wall has been removed and asphalt patching will be done to create a safe space for the students to play in. Janna will be working with the FDK renewal reps to investigate options for future “sprucing up” of the area.
- Nov. 20-24 -- **Latin American Drumming** presentation for students
- Nov. 8-9 **Seven Grandfathers Teaching** for Grades 1-6
- Staff and students will be working to create initiatives centred around the annual goals of the school community including: well-being (foster and build mindfulness), achievement (achievement applications skills through mathematics) and equity (working through collaboration)
- **New Technology:** School Council funded purchase of 30 Google Chromebooks, charging cart and 5 Apple iPads have arrived and will be available to students in the coming weeks.

4. Sunshine Childcare – Karlyn for Kim R

- Nothing new to report

5. Treasurers Report – Lana

- Current council budget: \$21,163.90

- Fiscal year budget has been reorganized– moving forward this will be up to date for the Oct. School Council meeting – work to ensure there is a surplus for the Back- to-School BBQ
- Planned revenue should fall in line with planned expenses

6. Communications Report – Sabrina

- Call for volunteers to be circulated (need volunteers for initiatives like the Parent Workshops)
- Website updates are coming along – further discussion to be held at Nov. meeting
- Council members are encouraged to let Sabrina know if there are any communications you would like to see distributed
- 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.
 - Workshops are also open to the neighbouring schools - Janna to send workshop flyers to other school principles
 - Financial literacy – Lana and Heather to work together to propose a possible date for a future workshop
- *Best Buy* technology grant – applications available in April 2018 and due in May 2018

7. Fundraising

- Technology remains a need in the school
 - Elizabeth Simcoe currently has approx. 60 Chromebooks – goal is to have one device available for each student
 - Existing Smart Boards are being to show their age – repairs becoming more frequent and costly
 - Proposed fundraising plan would be to devote the bulk of our efforts to a 2-year plan enabling the purchase of an additional 60 devices
 - An operating slush fund would also be useful to enable Smart Board repair and maintenance
- Majority of funds to be devoted to tech and then musical and sports equipment would be coming to council to in an as needed bases.
- Proposal made to investigate options of organizing a “*Fun Fair*” event to replace the silent auction fundraising initiative
- Karlyn to Chair the *Fun Fair* committee and Melissa will co-chair – proposal/ discussion to be tabled until next meeting

8. Other Business

- **Spirit Wear:**
 - Anita working with supplier to create the 2017 Order Form
 - Sales to take place in Nov. and items should be delivered in time for the Holidays

- Council needs to determine where to allocate the generated funds (i.e. new sports equipment, etc.)
- **Digital Yearbook/ DVD:**
 - Some questions regarding uploading images to Google Drive – Privacy issues would be an issue
 - Council to allocate the funds from the 2017 budget to continue this initiative
- **Big Box Cards Fundraiser:**
 - Approx. \$7,000 generated
 - Big thank you to Rosa for once again coordinating
 - Cards to arrive mid to late Nov. for pick-up
 - Volunteers needed to help with distribution
- **Scholastic Book Fair:**
 - Runs Dec. 4-8
 - Lucy working with Laura to organize event
 - Will be open during the Holiday concert as been done in previous years
- **Movie Night:**
 - Nov. 24, new this year there will be two movies played (one for primary and one for Juniors)
 - Primary students must attend with parents
 - Ren to supply additional screen and projector
- **Annie Production:**
 - May 24, 2018
 - Just waiting for script to come in
 - Auditions will be held in the coming weeks
 - Melissa So has volunteered to help with coreography

Next Meeting:

Nov.23, 2017 6:30-8:30pm