

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – November 23, 2017

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Anita Wright, Janna Solman, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kim McLennan, Roza Mangos, Shirley Bernardo, Cassandra Lake, Heather Lin, Kerri Commisso, Sharmila Sivasankaran, Mathana Tharmalingam, , Sheryl Joyner, Melissa So, Cindy Kosa, Lucy Medeiros, Lara Pingue, Kathy Karakasidis, Ren Cianciusi, Val Guido-Taylor

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Oct. 2017 Minutes

- Review and approval of Oct. 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.
- Janna investigating **FDK play yard** improvements – school ground design consultant has visited the school and agrees there is a need for improvement
 - Janna looking to submit an application on behalf of the school for the [Friends of the Environment](#) – TD Bank Grant
 - If successful, will use the grant funding to spruce up the area
- **New Playground** – safety inspection to be scheduled for late Nov. / early Dec.
 - Once inspection is completed the fences will be removed
- **Latin American Drumming** – JR students have been enjoying this special event programming
 - Thanks to the great work by parent Susanna – Council was able to schedule this for the school at a highly discounted rate
- **Grandfather Teachings** programming also just wrapping up
 - Elder shared the seven teachings along with a smudging exercise for Grades one - six
 - Thanks to a parent connection the school was able to secure this programming without the typical fee
- Council funded Chrome Book cart is now up and running – all classes (1-6) use these resources twice a week (80 mins)
- Winter Concert will be held on Dec. 7
 - Not all classes will be performing – classes/teachers will alternate between the Holiday Concert and the Spring Concert
 - Concert start time is 6:30
 - Holiday Raffle will be held during the intermission (tickets \$1)

4. Sunshine Childcare – Kim R

- Christmas programing sign-up coming soon
 - Trips will be organized for those students participating over the two weeks
- Christmas Party for the Day Care will be held on Dec. 18
- Programming sheets have changed (program planning)

- Looking for a donation of a picnic table for the outdoor play area

5. Treasurers Report – Karlyn for Lana

- Current balance is: \$24,701.23
- Still need to withdraw funds to cover costs of approved activities
- Council has agreed to cover the cost / purchase of eight iPads for the Kindie and Grade One classes

6. Communications Report – Kathy K for Sabrina

- **Website update** – Rodney researched various options for redesign – cost for template within budget – has to call service provider to set up a beta site in order to create a new site before launch
- Sabrina and Kathy to map out new site
- Any one with ideas for the new site should send them along Send to Sabrina
- Communications Committee will be creating a new template for all forms that are distributed by Council and parent committees to the school community in an effort to make them look and feel consistent
- Setting up Twitter account in 2018

7. Fundraising

- Fun Fair – on hold for the 2017-2018 school year—revisit this fundraising initiative for the 2018/2019 school year
 - Sub committees to be created in June
 - Proposal to hold event June 2019
- **Silent Auction** to be held for the 2017 fundraising year -- small scale and held at the Stone Cottage (May 2018)
 - Classroom baskets will be created once again for auction
- Parent **Workshops** – Fall workshop once again very successful with good feedback regarding the panel format
 - Financial literacy workshop moved to Feb. 2018
 - Mental Health workshop – Spring 2018
 - Heather still looking for a topic for the final one – investigating a family STEM night
 - Will need volunteers for the workshops
- March 23 is the next movie night

8. Other Business

- **Spirit Wear:**
 - Thanks once again to Anita for organizing the 2017 order
 - 150 orders received
 - Clothing should arrive before Dec. 18
 - Volunteers may be needed for distribution
- **Big Box Cards Fundraiser:**
 - Approx. \$7,000 generated
 - Big thank you to Rosa and Sabrina for once again coordinating

- All boxes have been distributed – 20 extra boxes are available for purchase
- Recommendation is to wait two years before holding the fundraiser again
- **Scholastic Book Fair:**
 - Runs Dec. 4-8
 - Will be open during the Holiday concert as been done in previous years
- **Movie Night:**
 - Approx. 98 students registered
 - Three volunteers have signed up – called in high school students to assist
 - Cars 3 – Primary Students (east gym)
 - Boss Baby – Junior students (west gym)
 - Two snack areas – Kernels from the Pickering Towne Centre has provided a very helpful discount on the popcorn purchase
- **Outdoor Skating Rink:**
 - Bill Wilson will once again build the community rink – looking for volunteers to take on this initiative for next year
 - The tarp purchased in 2016 was vandalized at the end of the season – a new one will need to be purchased
 - Council to fund the purchase (\$500)
- **Annie Production:**
 - May 24, 2018
 - Auditions will be held in the coming weeks
 - More info to come with regards to set design, etc.

Next Meeting:

Jan. 11, 2018 6:30-8:30pm