

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – January 11, 2018

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Anita Wright, Cindy Kosa, Heather Lin, Jamie Galt, Janna Solman, Jason Dubroy, Kathy Karakasidis, Kerri Kommisso, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kim McLennan, Lana Durst, Lara Pingue, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Mathana Tharmalingam, Melissa So, Pearl Lamont, Ren Ciancusi, Sabrina Hayden, Sheryl Joyner, Stuart Rogers, Effie Eliopoulos, Tammy Nopuente

Regrets: Cassandra K, Roza, Lucy, Shirley, David, Kim R

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Nov. 2017 Minutes

- Review and approval of Nov. minutes

3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Scholastic Book Sale. Special mention to Laura, Lucy and Alicia for all of their leadership.
- Kindie Registration – Week of Feb. 5
- School Cash Online Initiative kicked off in Dec. – Slow start for registration – initiative allows parents/guardians to pay for school trips, etc.
- School Council funded iPads have been ordered. Funding paid for the purchase of an additional 10 iPads which will be used by the Kindies and Grades 1/2.
 - Currently the school has 30 Chromebooks, 12 iPads and the computer lab equipment
- Girls volleyball and hockey tryouts underway
- Tech Club up and running
 - Student leaders (targeted to grades 4,5,6) are being taught to be tech trainers for other students (train the trainers)
 - First initiative Club rolled out with the “Hour of Code” (December) every class in the was given a block of time and the trainers taught coding
 - Also did a training session on Google drawing for holiday cards
 - Dash and Dot robotics coming soon

4. Sunshine Childcare – Karlyn for Kim R

- Nothing new to report

5. Treasurers Report – Lana

- Current balance is approx.: \$26,500
 - Movie Night net \$280.39 (\$23.39 more than plan)
 - Scholastic Book Fair sold \$4,126.25 worth of books (about \$100 over plan)
 - Christmas Raffle generated \$383 (\$92 less than plan)
 - Spirit Wear net \$673.91 (\$445.91 more than plan)
 - Big Box of Cards net \$6,725 (\$2,725 more than plan)

6. Communications Report – Sabrina

- **Website update**
 - Annual subscription renewed
 - Looking into updating Teacher Blogs
 - Looking for input for updates and features
- **Parent Workshops**
 - Financial literacy workshop Feb. 1, 2018
 - Mental Health workshop – Spring 2018
 - Family STEAM night planned for the final workshop of the year
 - Will need volunteers for the workshops
- **Grant Applications**
 - Janna submitted and application for the *Friends of the Environment Foundation* grant for the kindie play yard
 - Heather looking to submit an application for the *Best Buy* tech grant once the submission window opens
- Sabrina will be creating a school council binder – executive positions, contacts, event management contacts to allow for easy transition for incoming council members

7. Fundraising

- **Silent Auction**
 - May 5 or 12 – Karlyn to meet with Chris from the Stone Cottage to firm up date and event details
 - Classroom baskets will be created once again

8. Other Business

- **Spirit Wear:**
 - Thanks once again to Anita for organizing the 2017 order
 - Last call for any outstanding items – just waiting for a few remaining sweatshirts
- **Pancake Breakfast:**
 - Feb. 13
 - Organization well in-hand
- **Movie Night:**
 - March 23 event organized by Lara and Pearl
 - Once again plans are to show two movies
 - Karlyn to provide contacts to event organizers
 - Ren to arrange for the additional projector
 - Volunteers needed for the event
- **Outdoor Skating Rink:**
 - Thank you to all of the volunteers who took on this initiative once again
 - Unfortunately the tarp purchased with funds from the Council has been repeatedly vandalized
 - Repairs have been made but new tarp may be required once again in 2018/2019



- **Dance-A-Thon**
 - March 8
 - DJ has been booked
 - Looking for ways to have students participate in event promotion and decorating
- **PARC:**
 - Additional information/project updates at the Feb. 22 Council meeting

Next Meeting:

February 22, 2018

6:30-8:30pm