

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Feb.22, 2018

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Cindy Kosa, Heather Lin, Janna Solman, Kathy Karakasidis, Kerri Kommisso, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kim McLennan, Lana Durst, Lara Pingue, Maaja Eichfuss-Clarke, Melissa So, Pearl Lamont, Sabrina Hayden, Sheryl Joyner, Colleen Browne, Rich Holt, Shirley Bernardo, Hilary Kerr, Maria Pochodyniak,

Regrets: Kim R, Mathana, Stuart, Jamie, Roza, Anita

- **Welcome**

- **Approval of Jan. 2018 Minutes**

- Review and approval of Jan. minutes

- **Principal's Report – Janna Solman**

- Many school activities currently underway including: Lego Club, Tech Club, hockey team, Annie production
- March 9th Diversity Assembly featuring folk dancing and class presentations
- National Ballet of Canada workshop:
 - Feb. 3 classes per week for two weeks for the JR students.
 - Each class receives a 40 min. workshop at the school.
 - April 24 the JR students will be attending a production at the Ballet.
 - School only has to cover the cost for bussing.
- Pizza lunch on March 23 – students will be asked to bring in a reusable plate to minimize garbage (i.e. paper plates)
- Mrs. Grant currently on personal leave – LTO here until year-end
- 2018/2019 school projected enrollment is 262– more information to come after March Break
- **PARC**—Consultation process continuing from last year – three of the Simcoe committee members from last year will be participating – Mrs. Solman will send out a note to replace one of the members
 - Members will need to commit to attending the following meetings: March 5, 26 (meeting at Simcoe) , April 16, 24
 - One proposal which resulted from the June 2017 PARC process involves making all three schools K-8 and to allow for the closure of Jack Minor Senior Public School
 - Some modifications may be required to the Elizabeth Simcoe infrastructure should this decision be approved – this option is believed to be the only proposal currently being investigated
- Parking/ drop off area infractions – students received notice regarding ongoing safety issues – bus area and crosswalk very close together – parents are reminded to obey signage and avoid parking in that area

- **Sunshine Childcare – Karlyn for Kim R**

- New ECE staff with school age students
- March Break programming info out next week
- Vandameer fundraiser out this week

- **Treasurers Report – Lana**

- Current balance is approx.: \$24,268.02
 - Over budget – on planned revenue – due to the increase in sales from *Big Box* fundraiser
 - Over budget on spend due to the rink tarp and spotlight purchase

- **Communications Report – Sabrina**

- Kathy K has been developing templates for students notices to ensure design consistency and ease for future use
- Council working to set-up a Drop Box for file sharing
- Work continues on the Simcoe web site incorporating the same design concepts used on the notice templates
- **Parent workshops**
 - great financial literacy workshop led by Lana in Feb. – looking at having one again next year
 - April 12 Family Game Night hosted by *Game Skooled* – STEM approved games will be used and donated to the school for future use
 - Communication coming out to the school community including an event rsvp to ensure there is an appropriate number of games for the right age groups
 - New application window now open for the upcoming school year – deadline in May – Contact Heather with any ideas for workshop themes
 - Potential workshop in May focusing on childhood mental health
- **Pink Shirt Day** – Feb 28 & Apr.11 (International day of pink) – anti bullying magicians coming on the on Apr. 10

- **Fundraising**

- **Movie Night**

- March 23 event organized by Lara and Pearl
- Council to purchase license to cover 12 months \$425
- Two movies will be played (Primary and Jr.)
- Anyone interested in volunteering – contact Pearl

- **Dance-a-Thon**

- Melissa – communicating with DJ – looking for beach balls
- Kathy to work on graphics
- Teachers may work with students to create decorations for the gym – forms due back on Mar. 2

- **Silent Auction**

- Sat. May 12 – 7pm at the Stone Cottage
- Classroom baskets will be organized – themes include:
 - gift card mania
 - candy land
 - board games
 - arts and crafts
 - Council baskets(x2)
- Letters will be sent home with students on April 9
- Donations will be accepted until May 4
- Auction prizes include – National Ballet Camp, TFC tickets, dance camp and classes, concert couches, Toronto Marlies box
- Donation letters are available for those who would like to circulate
- Ticket letter will be distributed on Apr. 23
- Ticket cost - \$10 one and two for \$15
- Classrooms to make posters promoting the event

• Other Business

- **Insurance on AV board and light** – Approx. \$20 to renew – approved
- **Pizza Day**
 - Looking for a new pizza lunch coordinator
- **DVD Year Book**
 - Rich – dvd yearbook – looking to include the photos teachers take through out the year – Mrs. Solman to discuss with staff

Next Meeting:

April 5, 2018 6:30-8:30pm