

### Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – Sept.27, 2018

**Attendees:** Alicia E, Cindy K, Janna S, Kerri K, Karlyn T, Lana D, Lara P, Melissa S, Pearl L, Sabrina H, Hilary K, Cassandra L, Jamie G, Stuart R, Ren C, Heather L, Hong C, Beth B, Gayon S, Kim M, Pavithram T, Shaheen K, Carolyn G, Clayton B, Susan Deer, Afsana Q, Andrei M, Susannah M, Sharmila S, Sheryl J, Saumiya B, Subhashini B

**Regrets:** Kathy K, Tanya M, Shirley B, Anita W, Kim R

- **Welcome**
- Karlyn thanked all the volunteers who helped make this past school year a success
- **Approval of June 2018 Minutes**
  - Review and approval of June minutes
- **Principal's Report – Janna Solman**
  - Two school council activities already held – Welcome Back BBQ and Nitwits first visit
  - Currently lots of activities on the go:
    - Cross Country practices underway
    - Terry Fox fundraising initiatives throughout Sept. with over \$1,000 raised to date
    - Grade 5&6 band practices beginning – need for new instruments and cases
  - Upcoming activities include:
    - Orange Shirt Day, Oct. 1, 2018
    - Grade Six Trip to Kearney Oct. 22-24
    - First Pizza Day – Oct. 12
    - Grade Six Graduation June 25 AM ceremony – coordinating with Jack Minor
  - Staffing
    - New staffing include: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pauline, Mr.Kung (currently on leave), Ms. Dietert (replacing Mr. Kung while on leave)
- **Sunshine Childcare – Kim R**
  - School year programming has started off well
  - Some staff changes currently underway
  - Christmas fundraising information coming soon
  - Nursery school programming on Tues and Thurs morning still has openings
- **Treasurers Report – Lana**
  - Opening balance: \$16,411.59
  - Only one event spend thus far in the school year – Back to School BBQ (approx. spend \$2,700) – important to maintain approx. \$3,000 in account at the end of the year to cover this event in the upcoming Sept.
  - In the previous year Council budget started the school year off with approx. \$26,000 which included a carry over of funds -- from this amount a number of programming initiatives were paid for as well as the Chrome Books purchase

- Recommendation made to develop and approve operating budget at the Oct. meeting in order to stay on track for spending

- **Communications Report – Sabrina and Kathy K**

- **Digital Yearbook**

- Decision was made in June 2018 to store all images intended for the digital yearbook to a drop box instead as a result of timing and logistic
- Drop box is \$28 per month
- Council will need to determine if there is a value in maintaining the drop box for other council material – next meeting will have more info on this topic
- Original budget for this initiative was \$500 – total funds were not required and are now available for use elsewhere

- **E-blasts**

- Continue sending requests to Kathy, Sabrina, Heather and Sharmila
- Reminder to be sent for families to sign-up to receive
- Janna and Sabrina to further discuss communication tactics to encourage new families to sign-up for e-blast service

- **Other Business**

- **Elections**

- All welcome to participate -- all voices heard even if you don't want to be a voting member or a member of the executive
- All opinions count
- Council By-laws have now been updated

- ***Incoming Executive Members;***

- Treasurer – Stuart Rogers
- Secretary – TBD
- Fundraising Chair – Hillary Kerr
- Vice Chair – Alicia Edwards
- Chair – Sabrina Hayden

- **Movie Night(s)**

- Two proposed dates (Nov. 23 and Mar. 22)
- License will need to be renewed at calendar year-end (\$423)
- Movie ticket price to increase to \$7 (includes movie and snack)

- **Scholastic Book Fair**

- Running Dec. 3-6<sup>th</sup> (including evening of the holiday concert)
- School typically receives books in lieu of funds raised from sales
- Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Lucy for more information

- **Parent Workshop(s)**

- Heather still waiting to hear if Council was successful in receiving the grant funding
- Oct. topic and date still TBD

- Clayton to follow-up with Toronto Police Service to determine if they have any available resources
- Possible upcoming workshop topics include:
  - i. Screen time/ web monitoring
  - ii. Bullying
  - iii. Mental Health
  - iv. Financial Literacy
  - v. Game Night
- **Approved Activities and Upcoming Initiatives**
  - Further discussion to be held at Oct. meeting
  - In the interim, approved initiatives include:
    - i. Pizza Lunches
    - ii. Nitwits 2<sup>nd</sup> visit – March 19
    - iii. Spirit wear / clothing sales – Communication to begin late Oct.
    - iv. Angel Tree – Communication to begin end of Nov.
    - v. Pancake Breakfast
    - vi. Dance-a-thon
    - vii. School Production – Peter Pan (June 13)
- **Misc. Discussion**
  - Community Ice Rink – need a lead for the organization of set-up, maintenance, etc.
  - Hilary to look into both Purdy’s Fundraising and Pita Pit Lunch Fundraising
  - May 24 Fun Fair – Subcommittee will be meeting in the coming weeks and reporting back in Oct.
  - Council to determine where fundraising dollars will be spent for the 2018/2019 school year
  - Looking for RBC employees in the parent community interested in providing volunteer service hours, please contact Suzanna for more information – potential for \$1,000 school grant x 5 = \$5,000
- **Upcoming meeting dates**
  - Oct. 18, Nov. 29, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Apr. 4, May 9, June 6

**Next Meeting:**

***Oct. 18, 2018 6:30-8:30pm***