

Elizabeth Simcoe School Council Minutes – October 18, 2018

Attendees (Voting members): Sabrina Hayden; Alicia Edwards; Stuart Rogers; Shirley Bernardo; Kim McLennan; Karlyn Tunbridge; Kerri Commisso; Pearl Lamont; Hilary Kerr; Carolyn Glasgow; Sharmila Sivasankaran; Kathy Gell; Melissa So; Kathy Karakasidis; Kassandra Lake

(Non-voting members): Lara Pingue; Cindy Kosa; Janna Solman; Alexandra Smith; Hong Chen; Kim Rogers; Anita Wright; Danielle Stamp; Shaheen Kula; Val Taylor; Andrei Muresanu; Cindy Kosa; Genevieve Danvers; Kim Rogers

Principal: Janna Solman

- **Welcome**
- A welcome to new and returning members; Sabrina Hayden introduced as Chair on her first official meeting.
- **Approval of September 2018 minutes**
 - Review and approval of September minutes
 - Alicia Edwards and Melissa So approved
- **Principal's report – Janna Solman**
 - We Scare Hunger campaign starts next week
 - Simcoe had a very successful cross-country season
 - Choir has nearly 100 students; first event on Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th at 10:30am
 - Guitar Club under way
 - Boys and Girls soccer teams formed
 - Friday is PJ day (October 26th)
 - Requested \$5,000 from council to purchase band musical instruments and cases to replace ones in disrepair. Used by grade 5 and 6 students.
 - Staff PD at Simcoe: There's a board-wide focus on numeracy and targeting gaps. "Back to Basics" to make sure kids can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Staff looked at EQAO data and put together a learning pathway. Teachers assessed the students and will see if the strategies put in place are effective.
- **Sunshine Childcare – Kim Rogers**
 - No report
- **Treasurer's report – Stuart Rogers**
 - \$12, 000 from pizza lunches; money coming in from BBQ as well. We should have \$27,500 in the bank
 - After pizza, down to \$20,700
 - Big ticket items: Dance-a-thon and Fun fair
 - \$3,000 set aside for the school play

- Council voted Yes to advance \$5,000 to musical instruments against funds raised at Dance-a-thon. Fun Fair funds can contribute to it if needed.

• **Communications report**

- We have a Twitter account @SimcoeTDSB and a Facebook account; updates to come.

• **Upcoming events**

• **Movie night**

- November 23. Two movies: Kubo and the Two Strings (Juniors) and Hotel Transylvania 3 (Primary). Pearl coordinating.
- Movies to be given away; draw names from movie tickets.
- Volunteers: Sabrina, Kerri, Alicia, Danielle, Carolyn. Melissa and Alicia to help with bagging popcorn.

• **Angel Tree**

- Dates TBD.
- Toy donations go to the SCHC (Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities).

• **Scholastic Book Fair**

- This year's theme is "The Enchanted Forest."
- Teachers provide the classroom book wish list to parents before they attend the sale if they can.
- Runs between Monday Dec. 3 to Thursday Dec. 6.
 - November 30th: Scholastic drop-off and set up in the afternoon.
 - December 3rd: Classroom preview and sale from 12:30pm to 3:45pm
 - December 4th-December 6th: Sale 8:30am-3:45pm (closed for lunch)
 - December 6th : Christmas concert sale before concert (5:30pm to 6:15pm and after concert until 8:30pm)
 - December 7th: PA Day – closed
 - December 10th: Wrap-up; announce contest winners and take-down
 - December 11th: Scholastic pick-up

Activities for this year

- **Zumba** – coming in February. Date TBD. Cost estimated at \$300. Includes whole school and Sunshine daycare.
- **Steel drum workshop** – TBD Approximate cost \$1,000 or free if TDSB is able to do it. Schedule for 2nd term.
- **TIRF** – 5-day play package is \$500; 3 days \$360; 1 day \$120.
 - Includes all grades
 - Spring event
 - Modify for younger students

- **Parent Workshops**
 - Provincial grants put on hold for foreseeable future; we'll need funding from Council to put host them.
 - Spending to be tabled at next meeting.
- **Games Night** – Council agreed this was an event worth repeating. Funding from council if parent workshop grant not available. Date TBD.
- **Melissa So investigating multiple dance/cultural performances.**
 - They include: Lua Shayenne African Dance with an accompaniment; Kick Start Arts; Arts-related shows; Solar Stage; Rabbit and Bear Paws; Second City.
 - Melissa will get back to Council with final details and Council will have a **vote via email**.

• **Fundraising initiatives for 2018-19**

- **Hilary Kerr brings forth chocolate options:**
 - World's Finest Chocolates (nut-free); There are 30 bars in a box (\$90 value) – Council agreed that would be too much to sell, due to not being able to return unsold chocolate bars.
 - Purdy's Chocolate option to be explored.
- Cookie dough also raised as an option, Pearl to forward information to Hilary
- Fundraiser aimed for Valentine's Day (February 2018)
- **Pita Pit** – every student gets an order form; options vary (no smoothies). Hilary to explore further. Not meant as a significant fund raiser, looking to give parents and kids another option for lunches.
- **RBC Day of Service** – volunteer work among the community. Susannah Musselman to provide more details once details are provided from RBC in November.
- **Spirit Wear** – starts end of October.
 - Council to provide Anita feedback on new logos once sent out via e-mail.
 - \$400-\$600 dollars raised in the past.
 - This year the money will go the Phys Ed equipment.
- **Fun Fair** – goal of raising \$7,000. Money will go to school activities and initiatives
- **Dance-A-Thon**- funds towards musical instruments and cases that are in disrepair.

• **Other business**

- Ice rink
 - Council voted Yes to absorb the cost of the tarp -\$600.
 - GVCA has been contacted for tarp donation, which would offset cost. Waiting for a reply after their next council meeting.
- Replacement frame for Simcoe canopy that was destroyed by wind at event last year - \$100; council to purchase.
- Drop box:

- E-blast going out to remind parents they have until October 30, 2018 to download pictures from council yearbook from 2017&2018 school year then they will be removed to allow the dropbox to be free.
- Cost of drop box to host pictures was \$27 per month and was open for 4 months.
- Donation plaque for the playground (Power Play) – Sharmila going to look into it
- Can we support teachers better through parental involvement (with a goal toward improving EQAO scores)?
 - Simple things like providing guidance and supporting materials to parents of what they can be doing with their child every night can be enormously helpful. Can this be accomplished via workshop?
 - Teachers to assist parents to understand EQAO, tac onto Council meeting, half hour.
 - Further discussion offline to continue to determine how best to achieve this.

Next Meeting:

November 29, 2018 6:30-8:30pm

- ***Future meetings:*** Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Apr. 4, May 9, June 6