

Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Attendees: (Voting members) Sabrina Hayden; Alicia Edwards; Stuart Rogers; Heather Lin; Jamie Galt; Karlyn Tunbridge; Cassandra Lake; Kathy Karakasidis; Melissa So; Kerri Commisso; Hilary Kerr; Sharmila Sivasankaran; Kim McLennan

(Non-Voting members) Beth Brooks; Carolyn Glasgow; Hong Chen; Lucy Medeiros; Tanya Massad

(Guests) – Alex Smith, Nathana Tharmalingam, Shaheen Kula, Cindy Kosa

Regrets: Anita Wright; Pearl Lamont; Susannah Musselman; Sheryl Joyner; Subhashini Balakrishnan, Shirley Bernado;

Principal – Janna Solman

Teacher Representative – Sharon Noble

1. Welcome/Introductions

Sabrina Hayden – welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of November 2018 Minutes

Sabrina – Review and approval of November 29, 2018 minutes;

- Karlyn Tunbridge and Alicia Edwards approved the minutes.

3. Principal's Report

Janna Solman, Team Leader

Introduced Mrs. Noble as attending teacher (Grade 4 teacher)

Mentioned 2 students coming in to do a presentation at 7:30 pm.

1) Staffing update

- Various staffing changes due to promotion, illness, personal reasons, etc. Challenges to find a new music teacher.
 - Staffing changes include; Ms. DeMinico, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Kung (are currently on leave), Mrs. Sweeny (replacing Ms. DeMinico), Ms. Patel (supply teacher replacing Mrs. Grant), Ms. Dietert (continues to fill in for Mr. Kung), Mrs. Davey maternity leave begins in April.
- Parents offering to help in anyway they can, voice concerns to school trustee etc. A shortage of teachers at TDSB was mentioned.

2) Lot of school activities happening;

- Peter Pan – on the go, music just came in so will start after Family Day weekend
- Lego Club starts next week, MANY primary students
- Choir – Mrs. DiPaolo and Mrs. Bhola will be starting
- Guitar – Mr. Acoba currently has many groups of students
- Equity Club with Ms. Sas
- Hockey with Mrs. Moss



- Question about Ball Hockey – Mrs. Mancon just ordered equipment, (mentioned that a student can't be on both the ball hockey and ice hockey team. (Grades 4 -6)

3) Thanks to:

- Lucy, Alicia and many others for all of their work with the book fair.

4. Sunshine Childcare Update

Kim Rogers, Sunshine Supervisor

Kim was not present, Heather Lin read some email messages to update:

- 1) Circulated Food guide
- 2) Updated Miss Fatima now here
- 3) Looking for a rocking chair

5. Treasurer's Report

Stuart Rogers, Treasurer

- 1) Discussed key lines on summary report
 - a. Parent Workshop grant approved \$1,000.
- 2) \$10k currently sitting in the bank to spend. Money already set aside for Back to School BBQ in September 2019 at \$3k and \$5k for an emergency fund. Discussion about spending and reserve, especially while the students who have funded this are attending the school.
 - a. Council's 2-year commitment decided in 2017/2018 school year. Inquired regarding other pressing purchases to make. Mrs. Noble mentioned the need to have technology within every classroom with good rationales. Putting a proposal together for the 10k and then a wish list if additional funds are available towards the end of the year.
Other suggestions;
 - Chairs in the gym to replace the wooden chairs. Karlyn and Janna providing information on how many left to purchase and costing. Will be decided on at a later date.
 - Sharmila suggested Coding Mobile (TDSB), bring forward in the activities planning meeting.
 - Hilary suggested standing desks – noted for future spending.
 - Karlyn mentioned needing a focus for the Fun Fair funds.

6. Communications Report

Heather Lin

- Not much, just maintaining at this point
- Kathy's been updating Facebook with photos – community is using this
- Reminder – 2 weeks notice for any e-blasts, keep forms standard

7. Finalized Approved Activities for This Year

Sabrina Hayden

- Some things have been added to keep list up to date
- Steel Pan (Janna) \$1000 will be fine, thinking April
- Zumba (Janna) during Mental Health Week – vote to confirm acceptance of increased cost of \$500. Approved by council.
- Movie license received in mail, Stuart managing payment.
- Melissa – to do free dance workshop, maybe hiphop and breakdancing, during Mental health week. Janna to coordinate day with Melissa.
- News and Views – 2 student submissions (Janna)



8. Events Update

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| 1) Nit Wits | Alicia Edwards |
| ○ Confirmed for March 19, 2019 | |
| 2) Pancake Breakfast | Alicia Edwards/Tanya Massad |
| ○ Everything is ready to go | |

9. Fund Raising Initiatives for 2018/2019

Group

1) Dance-A-Thon

Melissa So

- Listed people who could help, theme will be masquerade
- Asked for teachers to make masks with the students
- Date - March 7th
- Not doing song requests lists this year, Melissa will communicate with DJ

2) E-waste Collection

Sharmila Sivasankaran

- First pick up was Jan 17th, 2 full crates and overflow – keep them filling up
- Could keep it here year-round, Valu-Mart interested in keeping it
- Discussion of how the money is paid out
- For now, this initiative is to keep going...will make a decision about next year after payment amount comes in.

- 3) **Staples 10k grant** – Eco submission for grant – working with teachers (Ms. Flagler, Ms. Sas) and Heather Lin. Part of the grant is for kids to explain how they would use the 10k to be eco friendly.

4) Fun Fair

Karlyn Tunbridge

- Theme: “Spring into Summer!”
- Signage - asking students to make signs, Lucy is doing outside signage – budget TBD
- Café? Looking for donations (Janna)
- Vendor tables –\$20, bring your own table – Sabrina to contact GVCA
- Book sales – Jamie and Tina
- Selling wristbands \$20, unlimited activities
- Cakewalk – tickets sold separately
- Games – Parents to make games (Karlyn and Sabrina) Karlyn has great ideas on Pinterest
- Volunteers to help with the fair from Jack Miner and Laurier
- Prize collection notice going home, looking for sponsors/prizes
- Food – food truck? Asking realtor to sponsor it (Cory)
- Trying to get fire, ambulance, police etc. – Levi’s Dad mentioned he would be able to do it if his shifts work out.
- Next meeting Feb 6th at the Stone Cottage
- Donations needed

5) Movie Night

Sabrina Hayden for Pearl Lamont

- Discussion about possible movies. Pearl to come up with suggestions and Sabrina will send them out for a vote.
- Notices to go home two weeks before March break

**E. Pita Pit – School Lunch Program****Hilary Kerr**

- Appears to be high interest so far
- Hilary to find out how the School Council will get paid, assume it will be a lump sum.
- Teachers happy they get to order too.
- Reminder to be sent home (Janna), Hilary asked to add dates to calendar on website

6) RBC Day of Service**Sabrina Hayden for Susannah Musselman**

- looking for charity/events where people can volunteer
- \$1000 per event, approval process

7) Scholastic Book Fair**Lucy Medeiros**

- Thank you to 10-12 volunteers (amazing)
- Biggest day was coffee/muffin day
- Amazing decorations in the library during the fair
- Discussion about having another in the spring (tabled for this year)
- In total \$8000 – means \$4464 in product;
 - \$60 per classroom to use
 - \$2,500 of product selected from inventory remaining from the book fair
 - Remaining can be selected from scholastic catalogue

8) Spirit Wear**Sabrina Hayden for Anita Wright**

- Raised just under \$600 for Phys. Ed.
- Feedback given regarding timing of initiative and colors
- Online orders for next year
- Sharmila to take over this initiative next year

10. Other Business**1) Ice Rink:****Sabrina Hayden**

- It's up and getting lots of use, late start because of weather
- GVCA donated \$300 towards tarp. GVCA communications team sent out announcement when it opened.
- Twitter updates and communication with other schools in the neighbourhood to ensure they are aware its there for their use as well.
- Sabrina to talk to some local businesses to do a day with hot chocolate etc. for a community event

2) Power Play – Donor Recognition**Sharmila Sivasankaran**

- Order is in – getting a large appreciation plaque
- Filled in 4 already – rate is \$125
- Anonymous donor, parent in the community has offer to pay for it.
- Plaques on benches by the playground – agreed on just putting them on 2

**3) Parent Workshops****Heather Lin**

- 1) Game Night
 - \$700 approved
 - Date - Wednesday, April 24th
 - Younger student activities in library, older students in gym
 - Game Schooled brings their own people to run everything
 - Buying concessions, discussed healthy foods. Heather talking to Dan this week about details

2) Math Night – \$500 approved**Sharmila Sivasankaran**

- Date changed to Thursday, February 7, 2019 due to it positioning two events back to back – pushed to September if it's not available with vendor (5 – 7 vote).
- Vendor Jump Math to conduct the sessions, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Discussed logistics, K-3 and 4-6 separate (30 minute transition) – concerns with space, parents and multiple children etc.
- Discussion about parent math night, requesting to have a quick presentation at council on April 4. Various opinions about timing, relevance, benefits of having a program that you can follow.

4) New Business

Presentation by Libby Dubroy and Olivia Tang, introduced by Janna. They are running a Blanket Drive for the Homeless;

- Working on flyer
- Drive for sleeping bag and large blankets
- Hats, mittens, gloves etc. to shelters
- New or gently used/washed blankets
- 2 weeks
- Did research, great initiative!

Next meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2019