

## Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2019

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**Attendees:** (Executive Members at Large) Alicia Edwards, Heather Lin, Hilary Kerr, Jamie Galt, Karlyn Tunbridge, Kassandra Lake, Kathy Karakasidis, Kerri Commisso, Kim McLennan, Melissa So, Pearl Lamont, Sabrina Hayden, Sharmila Sivasankaran, Shirley Bernardo, Stuart Rogers, Subhashini Balakrishnan

(Members at Large) Beth Brooks, Carolyn Glasgow, Lara Pingue, Anita Wright

Guests: Susannah Musselman

**Regrets:** Kim Rogers, Lucy Medeiros, Tanya Massad

**Principal** – Janna Solman

**Teacher Representative** – Sharon Noble

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Sabrina Hayden, Chair**

**2. Approval of January 2019 Minutes**

Minutes approved by Alicia Edwards and Kassandra Lake.

**Lara Pingue, Secretary**

**3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman provided update on current activities:**

- Activities in the school;
  - o Primary, Lego Club, incredibly popular
  - o Ball hockey, diversity show, equity club, guitar club, and more all in full swing.
  - o Choir starting up, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, occurs every week for grades 3-6
  - o Play - Peter Pan play is under way
  - o Blanket drive was a tremendous success, initiated by two grade 4 students.
  - o Steel drum presentation and African dancing/storytelling a big hit
  - o Tamil Heritage workshop was loved by all the kids. Thanks to Sharmila and Ms. Sas.
- Upcoming:
  - o Games night moved to April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - o Spring concert April 25;
  - o Volunteer Tea: May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o Simcoe Track and Field: May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - o Play Day: June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - o Staffing process doesn't begin until after March break; the staffing process ends in May.

**4. Sunshine Childcare Update****Kim Rogers, Sunshine Supervisor**

Sabrina read report from Kim;

- More families taken on due to staffing change; we still have spots in our school age lunch program
- March Break registration complete
- Rocking chair acquired for preschool room
- Sunshine will be doing and Epicure fundraiser – details to come
- Kim will be away the week leading up to March Break; pertinent info will be sent to families prior to her departure.

**5. Treasurer's Report****Stuart Rogers, Treasurer**

Refer to budget summary from Stuart. No unexpected expenditures. Forecasted balance of \$18,814 at end of year.

**1) Technology Spend Proposal:**

Mrs. Noble put together a technology proposal as requested from the council at the January 24, 2019 meeting. Included is the following:

- 30 Chromebooks takes up majority of expenditure
  - 3 AV Carts for projectors
  - 2 iPads
  - 2 Big Grip iPads
  - 1 Tech Tub (holds 6 devices)
  - 3 Mice
  - Total expenditure: \$10,001.23
- Brings the number of Chrome Books in the school to a total of 90.

Vote Result – 14 of 16 Executive Members at Large approved the spend. Other 2 members were not present for the vote.

**2) Chair Purchase**

- Proposing to replace remaining old wooden chairs, to be used mainly used for assemblies.
- 83 chairs in total.
- Decision on budget funds and spending at April meeting.

**6. Communications Report****Heather Lin****1) Google Calendar (Kathy)**

- Testing the implementation of three types of calendars dedicated to: Council Events, Day Count (1-5) and School-Events; people will be able to subscribe and link to it and input it into their Google calendars. Ability to toggle calendars on and off.

**2) Media (Kathy) – Twitter coming soon; Facebook is set up****3) Brad Warren, GVCA communications, advised he can send out any communications the school or council needs to reach out to the community. He asks for parents to like his Facebook page.**



## 7. Events Update

### A. Game Night

Heather Lin

- Game Schooled game night moved to April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Using Parent Reach Out Grant for the event.

### B. Community Rink Social

Sabrina Hayden

- Proposed event date March 2<sup>nd</sup> (1-4 pm) pending weather.
- Tim Horton's has been approached to sponsor the event with hot chocolate. Back up plan is being worked out just in case.
- E-blast to come once details are confirmed.

## 8. Fundraising Initiatives Update

### A. Dance-A-Thon

Melissa So

- Event date is March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- E-blast going out this week.
- Masks have been donated for entire school.
- Pledge sheets already out.

### B. E-waste Collection

Sharmila Sivasankaran

- This initiative to date has made \$392. Bin is already overflowing at Valu-Mart again.
- Sending out e-blast and notice to parents to extend this initiative to at least the end of the school year.

### C. Fun Fair

Karlyn Tunbridge

- Logo has been decided on (Elizabeth Simcoe Spring into Summer Fun Fair);
- Game details will come closer to March break;
- Wrist bands will be the tickets (\$20 unlimited games/inflatables). If you buy a wristband in pre-sales, your name will go into a draw.
- Vendor tables - \$20 each, bring your own table.
- Book sale will be for kids and adults (more books for adult readers needed)
- BBQ – Local realtor will be organizing with local vendor.
- Pizza Room – exploring having a pizza room. \$5 a slice/drink/treat.
- DJ is booked
- Silent auction will be kept to a few items
- Activities to date will include
- Clay Emporium, Crafts room, Touch Table from Toronto Zoo
- Sponsors are still needed to cover costs such as prizes (pre-made grab bags will be given out as kids exit the event)
- Volunteers to run the event are needed.



**D. Movie Night**

**Pearl Lamont**

- March 22nd.
- Confirmed movies;
  - o Ralph Breaks the Internet for Juniors
  - o Inside Out for Primary
- Concessions being ordered
- Flyers going home February 22nd
- Sponsored by G&G electronic store, added to the flyer
- Volunteers needed

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

**Hilary Kerr**

- Initiative off to a great start. Approximately 130 students participated.

**F. RBC Day Of Service**

**Susannah Musselman**

- This fundraising initiative requires 3 RBC employee volunteers and 3 local volunteers.
- Events have to be outside of business hours (evenings or weekends).
- Susannah has to submit a grant for each event 3 weeks prior.
- Volunteer initiative suggestions are;
  - o School yard cleanup around Earth Day
  - o Fun Fair – May 24, set up, tear down and clean up.
  - o News and Views advertising for volunteers on Guildwood Day and Guild Park
- E-blast to be sent out to find two more RBC employees and confirm initiatives.

**G. Staples Grant**

**Heather Lin**

- o Grant was submitted, will know the result in April
- o 20k value

**9. Other Business**

**Power Play – Donor Recognition**

**Sharmila Sivasankaran**

- Indoor plaque arrived. Each additional name plate will cost \$5.00.
- Shane will put “thank you” plates on the benches around the playground.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, April 4, 2019