

## Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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**Attendees:** (Executive Members at Large) Alicia Edwards, Heather Lin, Karlyn Tunbridge, Cassandra Lake, Kathy Karakasidis, Kerri Commisso, Kim McLennan, Melissa So, Sabrina Hayden, Shirley Bernardo, Stuart Rogers, Subhashini Balakrishnan and Tanya Massad

(Members at Large) Hong Chen, Lara Pingue and Lucy Medeiros

Guests: Susannah Musselman, Sharon Kimchild, and James Kosa

Regrets: Jamie Gault, Pearl Lamont, Kim Rogers

**Principal** – Janna Solman

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Welcomed everyone to meeting

**Sabrina Hayden, Chair**

**2. Approval of February 2019 Minutes**

Minutes approved by Alicia Edwards and Heather Lin

**Lara Pingue, Secretary**

**3. Principal's Report – Janna Solman:**

**Activities and acknowledgements**

- Thank you to Pancake Day and Dance-a-thon volunteers
- Juniors trip to Second City was very well received. Thank you to Melissa So for organizing.
- Diversity Show was a success.
- Nitwits done – thanks to Alicia Edwards for organizing.
- Movie Night went well; thank you to Pearl Lamont for organizing.
- Dental screening completed.
- Girls' Club put on anti-bullying presentation to students as part of their initiative

**Upcoming Events**

- Pink Shirt day on Wednesday, April 10th
- Anthony McLean coming on Friday to present bullying and building up positive school culture
- Spring Concert on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer Tea Thursday, May 9
- Track and Field Thursday, May 15
- Gotta Go Show (Graduating class) Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 :45 pm
- Play Day Friday, June 21st

**Staffing**

- Elizabeth Simcoe is down one teacher as the Jr LD class is closing.
  - Classroom outlook: Two Kindergarten classes (one class max of 29 students with one teacher and an ECE and one class max of 15 students with one teacher, no ECE); two grade 1/2 classes; two grade 2/3 classes; one grade 3/4 class; one grade 4/5 class; and one grade 5/6 class. In Gifted: two grade 4/5 and a grade 6. Enrollment projected to be 280 students, close to current numbers.

**4. Sunshine Childcare Update****Kim Rogers, Sunshine Supervisor***(Report relayed by Sabrina in Kim's absence)*

- Fundraising campaign begins on Monday – they're selling Epicure mix collections, includes dinners and desserts. Any family not associated with Sunshine can see Kim.
- Daycare is seeking pre-loved plastic tool/workbench for preschooler's playground
- Daycare is also asking for various items "loose parts play" for classroom – items include buttons, screwdrivers, etc.
- Before-care spots are available for grades 1 – 6.

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

- Council has a current book balance of \$29,326. Current bank balance (as of March 31) is \$22,733 because Dance-a-thon and Movie Night funds have not appeared on the bank statement yet.
- Forecasted balance at end of year is \$11,187
- Pancake breakfast came in under budget
- Looking into School Cash Online for council initiatives
- Movie License was renewed on March 22, 2019. We'll try to have 3 movie nights in 2019/2020 school year by March 22, 2020. Won't be renewed until the following school year.
- **Approved upcoming expenses:**
  - Nitwits for 2019/2020 – approx. \$900 – 10 of 16 Executive Members at Large voted to proceed.
  - Inflatables for 2019 Fun Fair -- \$2000 – 12 of 16 Executive Members at Large voted to proceed.

**6. Communications Report****Heather Lin**

- A Dropbox for templated school forms, etc. has been created
- Google Calendars are ready for Janna's approval; we need volunteers to help manage updates. In the meantime, we'd like the School Council to test it out and report any problems.
- Fun Fair social posting ready to go, pending approval from committee members.

**7. Events Update**

- Community Rink – a successful ice skating season is over. Terry the evening caretaker has found a location on school grounds to store the ice rink parts. The tarp needs to be replaced for next season. Council to consider looking for a sponsor to buy one next year.
- Game Night -- Forms have been sent out. We've requested an RSVP to ensure age-appropriate games at the event. Games will be available for purchase.



- Nit Wits – Alicia will book dates for the 2019-2020 school year
- RBC Grant approved for Movie Night and Game Night total to date is \$2,000. Fun Fair volunteers are already to go for an additional \$1,000. \$2,000 ear marked for Fun Fair inflatables as per council vote.
- School Production – Peter Pan rehearsals under way

## 8. Fundraising initiatives

- Dance-a-thon: Ms. Clark’s class wins Pizza Day for most money raised. \$5,239 raised in total.
  - One issue raised: some parents don’t know where money is spent. Fundraising is identified in the notices for the events going home, website, council minutes, etc. Council to send out a follow up after a fundraising event as one last mention.
- E-Waste: Heather seeking out a new company for our next program. It has been well received in the community.
- Fun Fair: Committee seeking out more sponsors
  - Inflatables will cost \$2000. (Expenditure approved)
  - Ice cream vendor will donate percentage of sales to school
  - Pizza room: Pizza and a granola bar and/or drink will cost \$5
  - Pre-sale wristbands information will go out in a forthcoming newsletter
- Movie Night: great turnout; we earned \$597.98

## 9. Other Business

- June meeting is the Annual meeting. 2019/2020 activities have to finalized in that meeting to prepare for the following year. Please bring ideas and information to that meeting to be productive.
- GVCA Giving Policy— This was created for anyone asking the GVCA to sponsor an event or give a donation.
  - GVCA donated \$300 to the tarp last year.

### Next meeting:

- June 6, 2019 6:30pm - 9:00pm