

FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday April 9 2018

In Attendance

Linda Blom (Principal)

Stacey Bock (Teacher Rep)

Debra Kapy (Co-chair)

Marian Phillips-MacGregor (Co-chair)

Jen Morrison (Secretary)

Michelle Cooper (Teacher)

Jill Woods (Teacher)

Erin Nightingale

Trisha Barker

Donna Henderson

Kelly Oakley

Talena Kraus and Gwenyth

Regrets

Cindy McNeice, Veronica Lewis, Laura Lighthead,

Items for follow up in **green**, key dates/timelines in **yellow**.

Welcome and Introductions

Debra thanked all for coming and introduced our two guest teachers who had special presentations Michelle Cooper and Jill Woods.

Michelle Cooper – Math Kits

- She is creating math kits based on a program she used at a previous school.
- Samples of the math kits were shown to council. Modified programs/games by grade.
- Helps with EQAO scores and teaches different ways of problem solving, 15 minutes of games in math every day.
- Encourages collaboration, students partnered to communicate and arrive at an answer.
- Supplies needed and another round of volunteers would be helpful, **Mrs. Cooper to coordinate with Debra regarding volunteers.**

Jill Woods – Chromebook presentation

- Gwyneth spoke on behalf of all the Grade 3 students and provided an excellent presentation in French requesting a total of 23 chromebooks for the grade.
- Mme Blom mentioned that the board is providing funding for additional chromebooks, and suggested waiting to vote on additional funds from council until **she confirms what the board is providing.**

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 5, 2018. Accepted as written.

Council Admin – Debra Kapy

- **Succession Planning.** Given Debra's final year next year and the potential move of the French program, several council positions and other lead volunteer positions may be vacant. Need to recruit volunteers for council co-chairs, food programs etc.
- **ProGrant Application.** Due end of May. Paul Davis (social media). **Jen Morrison to draft application, Debra to send template and past years' submissions to Jen.** Another idea was a 'nut free app' – project for grade 8s? Some already out there – food allergy journal, allergens, food intolerances app, safe eats (scan barcode and identify which foods

have peanuts/egg/soy/wheat/sesame etc. **Mme Blom to draft blurb to add to the next newsletter.**

Volunteer Report - Debra Kapy

- Many volunteers, not as many requests from teachers this year.
- Mme Woods asked if teachers can see the list to check which of their parents are on it, so they can do their own ask sometimes. Lists could be shared with teachers, mass distributed emails from Debra are not 'BCC'. Within the school community the list is not confidential. **For next year perhaps every teacher could get a copy of the list?**
- Volunteer tea date set for **May 16**, is in the newsletter.

Fundraising & Lunch Programs - Marian MacGregor.

- Nothing to report for fundraising as no programs in progress.
- 3rd session for lunch program underway, numbers slightly down which is typical for the last session. Good feedback on Subway. Burritos moved to Friday to accommodate Subway on Mondays.
- Comment from Mme Woods on consolidated food order form in the classrooms, which are very helpful, excellent progress from previous years.
- Account balances briefly reviewed by Mme Blom. School generated funds – mid-year numbers may be misleading as funds are not always collected up front for activities and payout schedules vary. There is constant 'in and out'.

Grade 8 Grad - Marian MacGregor for Petra Evans

- From Trish Barker: butter tart sale very successful.
- From Erin Nightingale: Applebees tickets (**Apr 28**) available for sale through cash online, slow sales initially. There is also a small silent auction at the Applebee's event.
- Pictures largely completed for grad morph video. AJ Kapy has begun work on the project. One morph will be completed for review at the next Grad committee meeting.

Camp Fair Wrap Up - Veronica Lewis

- Funds raised were approximately \$1700.
- Several vendors offered to come back next year.
- 200 people attended.
- Suggestions welcome for next year. Should we offer the camp fair every year? Council members felt annual event not necessary, perhaps every 2 to 3 or 4 years. We should however keep in touch with vendors and include links to their websites in the newsletter.
- New fundraiser would need to be found for sensory room.

Midhurst Mile - Jen Morrison

- **Tue June 12.**
- Many positive replies from initial ask from last year's food and activity leads.
- Committee to get underway shortly.
- Reminder of new funding plan for food, whereby vendors are compensated for food costs, and donate only their time.
- Newsletter for May to include details on registration and food ordering.

- Seeking new organizer for bike rodeo - Jen to contact Bikeland, and if not reach out to other bike shops/clubs (Barrie Baydogs Triathlon?).
- Jen also to engage Sue Leon regarding new OPP contact (previous contact has retired).
- Need to follow up on sweeping/cleaning of the yard prior to 12 Jun date.

Principal's Report - Linda Blom

- **Septic System Update.** Easter cleanup was not completed, still waiting, both tanks are pumped twice daily, board active in ensuring containment. Mme Blom to ask board re track & field and Midhurst Mile. She will provide an update on cleanup at next council meeting.
- **Capital Plan/French Immersion changes.** Program review to start in Spring ref moving of FI program to WR Best, new school to be built in Oro (Craighurst?). Two-year timeline (20/21 school year). Public meetings to be arranged, parents welcome to contact the school office for more information.
- **Field Trips.** Charging full price for all trips this year. (Trips last year were subsidized to reduce our account balance to the recommended level). Some concerns raised re costs to families for multiple trips and overnight trips for 6's and 7's – may dilute the significant of the grade 8 overnight trip.

Teacher's Report - Stacey Bock

- April 12 jersey day to commemorate Humboldt Bus Crash victims
- April 26 Me to We Water Day, walking track for beads to promote awareness of water shortage in Capetown.
- May 16 – 17 Track and Field.
- Further to Mrs. Cooper's presentation on Math Kits, requesting up to \$4,000 to cover costs for creation of the math kits (pouches, lamination, paper, colour photocopying etc). Council all voted in favour of supporting this project.

Follow-up items from previous meetings

- XC ski trip ideas (senior grades) – board is getting away from electives (time to organize). Return to mandatory trip for certain grades (4 – 6)
- Overnight field trip ideas (Cindy McNeice– survey?) – Mme Blom to follow up.
- Outdoor classroom update – need someone to spearhead, no one has stepped forward.
- Bike rack procurement (Veronica – cost/ cycle simcoe? Jen to ask Veronica for update for next meeting, including question to Bikeland. Mme Blom to contact Doug Woods and Dave Henderson at Nantyr Shores.)

Date of Next School Council Meeting

- Monday, May 7, 2018 @ 7:00 pm in the Library

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Please forward items by Friday, May 4, 2018 to the Council Chairs at councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca

Secretarial Note: This item was missed and not added to the April agenda so information was sent to all Council Members for consideration, then a vote was held via email.

Canine Ambassador Program: trained dogs to be used to provide psychological support in the school setting. The training is \$500 per dog and 3 Forest Hill teachers & EA's have suitable dogs and would like to participate in the program. They are asking for funding from Council - \$1,500 in total. Council voted in favour of this program and agreed to provide funding. **Mme Blom will bring information to the next Council Meeting.**