

FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2018

In Attendance

Linda Blom (Principal)	Laura Lighthouse
Cindy McNeice (Vice-Principal)	Trisha Barker
Stacey Bock (Teacher Rep)	Veronica Lewis
Debra Kapy (co-chair)	Donna Henderson
Marian MacGregor (co-chair)	Sue Leon
Jen Morrison (secretary)	Jenna Hunter
Erin Nightingale	Cindy Gizuk (guest)

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

Welcome and Member Introductions – Debra Kapy

- No new members, one guest (Cindy Gizuk) on behalf of grad committee.

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- (Jan 18) Approved as written.

PRO Grant Application – Debra Kapy

- **Ideas welcome**. Parents Reaching Out (PRO). Social media speaker? Debra to look into minutes and look up contact info of previous speakers. Centre for child advocacy (Donna). Applications **due in May** (online) for next school year.

Volunteer Report –Debra Kapy

- Request sent for Camp Fair volunteers, minimal returns from the email.

Fundraising Report –Marian MacGregor

- Alternate lunch suppliers for Fridays? Twisted Indian numbers down (too much wrap vs filling). Pizza Palace asked re subs, but Fridays don't work so swap burritos to Fri and subs to Monday Marian to lead subs.
- Wendy's night very successful, \$500 raised.

Grade 8 Grad Report (Marian MacGregor for Petra Evans)

- Grad meeting 19 Jan 18. Discussion in prior years in regards to funds being carried over from year to year – Linda advised that SCDSB doesn't want accounts with money left over from year to year. If decision to clear accounts at year end is made, then accommodation must be made for booking deposits required prior to fundraising the next year. Minutes must reflect this. Last year's full budget of \$3500 was spent. Deposits can be funded from the school general account. Motion made to keep \$1000 at year end in grad account for every year going forward. Motion made by Marian MacGregor seconded by Sue Leon, council voted unanimously in favour.
- Request for \$1000.00 made to council to fund the grad account. Transfer of \$1000 to occur immediately from GSN to Grad account, motion made by Marian MacGregor-

Phillips and supported unanimously by council. Planned fundraising to return the funds is as follows:

1. Applebee's can run two dates if required.
2. 400 Flea market (donated spot) all proceeds to go to grad.
3. Pizza and chip day for special occasion grad fund raising and all proceeds of one days pizza and chips (approx. \$300) will all go towards the grad fundraising (chips were donated) and possible treat trolley other days.

Willow Creek Church has booked but needs the security deposit, total cost \$500.00. Barrie Golf and Country Club has been paid for (anonymously) as the venue for the after party. Many thanks to the anonymous family. Approximate estimate is \$400 room deposit plus whatever food options are selected (candy bar, chocolate fountain, sliders etc) which are on a cost per person basis. Remainder of funds to be put towards the food and decorating and entertaining. Because the BGCC is so close to the school, busing deemed not required (no buses were used last year and there were no complaints).

Camp Fair 10 Feb 18 –Veronica Lewis

- 17 vendors confirmed (2 with forms yet to be submitted). 3 chilies, 6 volunteers at a time, should be ok. Letter for donations (baked goods for juniors, hot dogs for intermediates) have been sent home. Donation of hot dogs from Chicken on the Run (Cindy Gizuk). Tea urn arranged (Erin Nightingale). Morning announcements this week along with mass email. Social media posted from SCDSB. Mini flyer to be sent Thursday. Remind app from teachers (Stacey Bock). Info available on facebook. Erin Nightingale to run silent auction. Water Depot donation for auction, Pizza Palace donating 10 pizzas and two cases of pop.

Midhurst Mile – Jen Morrison

- Due to provincial elections, previous date of Thu 7 Jun is no longer feasible. Alternative date of Wed 6 Jun proposed, Gr 6 trip return that day but forecast arrival is by end of school day but Hardwood race night. Tue 12 Jun 18 selected. Save the date email to be sent to activity and food leads and added to school newsletter (Jen Morrison).

Principal's Report - Linda Blom

- Septic concerns update: Ministry of Environment in discussion with SCDSB (broken pump and frozen pipe caused backup). Board tasked with fencing and signage, will clean up. Soil treatment, health unit involved. Revisit at next meeting for update.
- No parking signs to be posted on Forest Hill Drive around catwalk. Parents are parking there, then escorting their children to school on foot to avoid using kiss and ride, because they are not allowed to get out of their cars at kiss and ride.

Vice-Principal's Report – Cindy McNeice

- Help finding services in community through 211ontario.ca, MentalHealthAtSchool.ca (search Midhurst). Concussion protocol (ready to learn, ready to play) reviewed with staff, will be mentioned in newsletter.

Teacher's Report - Stacey Bock

- Report card time.
- Speeches Gr 4 – 8 to start 6 Feb 18.
- Mid-April for Gr 1 & 2 VanGO MacLaren Art Centre (5 classes). \$1325 total, letters to go home to students, parents to fund.
- Question re cross country skiing trip. Field trip definition is an activity that students would not normally do. Previous years there was low attendance in senior grades and some skipped school. Lottery system for grades 6, 7 and 8 may not work (friends not wanting to go alone), up for discussion, **ideas welcome.**
- Discussion re overnight field trips for grades 6, 7 and 8. Increased exposure to different experiences (Kitchi – outdoors, Brock – indoors, Ottawa – tourism). Some school do alternate years. Up for discussion. Trillium Woods one day Toronto trip. Science North program overnight was very popular a few years ago. Winter camp at Candalore/Dorset. Ideas welcome. Inclement weather, fundraising may have driven dates, likely simply a case of using approximate dates from previous years. **Cindy to coordinate survey to ask for input from families.**

New Business

- Review of action items from last meeting:
 - Outdoor classroom – new staff to be approached to continue this initiative. **Revisit at next meeting.**
 - Revisit bike rack procurement at the next meeting. **Veronica Lewis to cost out options and approach Cycle Simcoe.**

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Date of Next School Council Meeting

- Monday, **April 9, 2018** @ 7:00 pm in the Library

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Please forward items by Friday **April 6, 2018** to the Council Chairs at councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca