

FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018

In Attendance

Linda Blom, Principal	Erin Nightingale
Cindy McNeice, Vice Principal	Veronica Lewis
Debra Kapy, Co-Chair	Sue Leon
Marian Phillips-MacGregor, Co-Chair	Trish Barker
Stacey Bock, Teacher Rep	Donna Henderson
Jen Morrison, Secretary	Jenna Hunter

***Secretarial note:** secretary proposes to use colour coding for follow up items. Important dates will be highlighted in yellow, action items for follow up at future council meetings in green. (New format will be assessed at next meeting.)*

Lunch Programs (Marian Phillips-MacGregor). Going well. Consistent numbers for second session, drop in numbers for Fridays (Twisted Indian). Looking at alternate suppliers for Fridays. Considerations include whether on approved list (takes time to get on the list, refer to SCDSB food and beverage policy) and parent/volunteer involvement/level of effort. Slight increase in vendor prices due provincial minimum wage increase, but our prices are not changing. Discussion included potential conflict of interest if current parents are vendors. There are no existing board guidelines, but we must be cautious.

Midhurst Mile (Jen Morrison). Proposed Thursday May 24, but there is a conflict with the Grade 7 trip. Looking at May/June schedule with PA days, Gr 8 trip, Victoria Day weekend, decided on Thursday June 7. Planning to start in March.

Wendy's Night (Veronica Lewis). 4:30 – 7:30 pm Wednesday January 24. Mme Bock to send email to staff, Mme Shier confirmed to make an appearance as Wendy.

Camp Fair (Veronica Lewis). 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Saturday February 10, permit request to Mme Blom. Exhibitors: 11/20 confirmed already, 2 unable to come this year (City of Barrie and SPART) but added Season's Centre for Grieving Children, and Oxford Learning Centre. Additional vendors welcome, Veronica will send out list of who is confirmed to date. No fee but donation to silent auction requested. Volunteers for cafe, front door greeter, ticket sales – numbers to be sent to Debra for distribution to volunteer email group. Letter to parents to go out next week, also to be included in newsletter.

Teacher's Report (Stacey Bock).

- Sent email to staff to confirm dates for Wendy's Night and encourage participation.
- Separate email to go out for Midhurst Mile (save the date).
- Ukulele club recital went well.

Principal's Report (Linda Blom).

- French Immersion info night 6:00 pm Tuesday January 9 in the library.
- Basket raffle raised approx. \$2700, fantastic, prompt basket pick up this year.
- Numbers continue to grow, 2 new students started today, another registered today, now at 656.
- Septic concerns, overflow in field near hatch beside basketball courts, Mme Blom to investigate.
- Staffing: Mrs. Copeland is off on maternity leave, hiring this week for temp replacement for remainder of this year. Gr 8 replacement starting Friday for French subjects (5 periods per week), Laura Despeault. Mr. Palmer off until February 5 (birth of his baby).

New Business.

- Query raised in regards to items not purchased (eg. chess boards) for which funding was approved. Money is still available, info to be passed to Jen Watson (new chess club lead).
- Suggestion for action item tracker well-received (e.g. bike rack procurement?).
- Parent engagement grant – funds to be used for agendas, any left over to go to FHPS pens or similar item.
- Grad is Tuesday 26 June, a change from Monday as it was in past. Petra Evans is the Committee Chair and the first Grade 8 Grad Committee meeting is January 19, 7:00 pm at 32 Wattie Rd.
- Gr 9 Info night St Joseph's Thursday January 11.
- Playground Upgrades from last year (initially proposed to use projected excess funds) not in progress yet as extensive planning and permits are required. Funds are no longer available for this project so dedicated fundraising or redirection of current funds required or project to be shelved for now.
- Outdoor classroom project also needs planning and permits so Mme Blom will re-engage teachers regarding this project. Council open to supporting the project but teachers need to plan and implement.
- April 3, Autism Flag to be flown on indoor flagpole (not allowed to fly on outdoor poles).

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm

Next School Council Meeting: Mon February 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm. Please forward items to councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca by Friday February 2, 2018.