

FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday June 4, 2018

In Attendance

Linda Blom (Principal)

Cindy MacNeice (Vice Principal)

Stacey Bock (Teacher Rep)

Debra Kapyt (co-chair)

Marian MacGregor (co-chair)

Jen Morrison (secretary)

Erin Nightingale

Laura Lighthouse

Sue Leon

Jenna Hunter

Donna Henderson

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Debra thanked all for coming.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting – May 7, 2018.** Accepted as written.

3. Council Admin – Debra Kapyt

- **PROGrant Application.** Submitted 25 May 18 by Jen Morrison. We will find out during the 18/19 school year if the application is approved.
- **Special Presentation from Genevieve Claveau for student orchestra.** Briefed council on plan for spending remaining funds in 17/18 budget, to include percussion purchase, repertoire books and music stands. Requesting to keep \$2500 annual budget, and for next year add a \$3200 subsidy from council to offset rental costs, in order to bring student costs down to approx. \$150 from this year's \$250. Arts receives 30% of the funds from the food program (the school's main source of fundraising), which is then split into music club and orchestra, as well as sewing club and ukuleles. Discussion included the relatively small % of kids benefitting from program (35) compared with the % allocation of school-wide fundraised money.
- Synopsis is that council will continue to provide the annual \$2500, and costs of instrument rental can possibly be shared equally among band members. Any participants who are unable to cover the costs can apply on a case by case basis for funding from council. The borrowing of instruments from other schools is encouraged. Council voted unanimously in favour to support the annual budget of \$2500 from the lunch program, but the request for the additional \$3200 subsidy was unanimously not supported.
- **Change of day for council meetings.** Suggest changing to first Tuesday of the month for next year as many people have conflicts with Mondays. Council members all agreed.
- **DRAFT Annual Report.** No changes aside from dates for next year's council meetings to be changed to Tuesdays.

4. **Volunteer Report - Debra Kapyt.** Nil to report.

5. **Fundraising & Lunch Programs - Marian MacGregor.** Ongoing, nil to report.

6. **Grade 8 Grad - Marian MacGregor or Petra Evans.**

- Tickets to go out within the next two weeks, four tickets per family.

7. Midhurst Mile - Jen Morrison

- **Tue June 12.** Road occupancy permit received. Yard sweeping completed. School use permit approved.
- OPP and Base Borden supporting Bike Rodeo but will be designed by committee.
- Suggest next year engaging older classes to design and run. **Present this idea early next school year along with selection of the event date for late May.**
- Save the date, road closure notices and order forms sent home, volunteer req submitted for kiss n ride. Raffle letter distributed.
- New this year: Be A Donor awareness drive.
- To do: Reminders for sign up/orders.

8. Principal's Report - Linda Blom

- **Septic Update.** No update. Todd Mahew attended with MOE during end May dig, fences to come down in coming weeks.
- **Math kits.** \$4000 in funding from GSM voted on and approved (in Apr 18 minutes). However, excess funds remain in the arts account and insufficient funds in GSM. Motion made by Sue Leon to transfer \$4000 from arts budget to literacy and numeracy; all members voted in favour.
- **Standing agreement for new French immersion classes.** Reminder of 16/17 decision to provide \$500 for each new immersion class for classroom setup.
- **Chromebooks.** Chromebook funding: Mme Blom mentioned at the April meeting that the board is providing funding for additional chromebooks, IT rollout to be finalized (expected last week in June). **Proposed tabling for next school year;**
- **Field Trips.** Overall field trips have gone very well.

9. Teacher's Report - Stacey Bock.

- May 16 – 17 Track and Field moved to **June 7 - 8.**
- Aboriginal day festivities **20 June 18.**
- Primary playdate **21 Jun 18.**
- Kindergarten celebration **22 Jun 18.**
- Farewell assembly held for Mr. Swan, Mme Adaire's to be held next week.

10. New Business

- Buffs to be sold at Midhurst Mile.
- Goodbyes to long-standing council members Sue Leon and Erin Nightingale, mentions made of their many contributions to the school over the years.

11. Date of Next School Council Meeting

- **Tuesday, Oct 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm** in the Library

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Please forward items by Friday, **September 28, 2018** to the Council Chairs at councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca