

**FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

**Monday, October 2, 2017**

**In Attendance**

Linda Blom (Principal)  
Cindy McNeice (Vice-Principal)  
Stacey Bock (Teacher Rep)  
Kerry Morrow (Librarian)  
Debra Kaptj (Co-chair)  
Marian Phillips-MacGregor (Co-chair)  
Jen Morrison (Secretary)

Erin Nightingale  
Katrina Carpenter  
Laura Lighthead  
Mitra Budaghzadeh  
Trisha Barker  
Veronica Lewis  
Donna Henderson

**Regrets:** Jennifer Hussey

**Welcome and Member Introductions – Debra Kaptj**

- Linda Blom introduced council to the new Vice Principal Cindy McNeice.
- Debra welcomed the new co-chair Marian MacGregor and secretary Jen Morrison. Marian will take care of Fundraising and Debra will take care of Council admin.
- Fundraising and council will be re-combined this year into one meeting as they were a few years ago.
- We will try to get minutes out sooner so that meeting is still fresh in our minds when reviewing them.
- Marian will also continue as Coordinator of Lunch Programs and Debra will continue as Volunteer Coordinator.
- Council members introduced themselves to the new VP.

**Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- June 5, 2017 minutes approved as written.

**Principal's Report - Linda Blom**

- Did not have many shuffles this year. Moved approx. 8 children. Staffing is almost complete. Pending change will only affect one class. Extra 0.2 SERT, options being looked at. There are only 40 seats left in the school, fewer than last year. 45 to 50 new registrants the week before school started.
- New SAS (Senior Admin Support) Kim Creighton. Lori Jankowski is back, Monica LaRonde is in Tue & Thu. New teachers, Mrs. Stones from Codrington, Mr. Skazin from Hyde Park, Mrs. Rodgers from Hillcrest, Mr. Babb from Kawartha Pineridge (contract teacher), Mrs. Copeland from Angus Morrison, Ms. Hazelwood from Borden. Very fortunate with experience levels of new staff.
- Fundraising plan presented for review. Needs to be submitted to Board by Oct 15. Based on previous school year(s). Last year's fundraising and expenditure plan very successful in terms of execution (field trips, classroom purchases), funds still held for refurbishing of baseball diamond and track.
- New Restorative Practices room for recess altercations (theme of kindness – 'Be Kind Every Time').

- Council supports the continued purchase of jerseys that was previously approved.
- EQAO Gr 3 and Gr 6. Fantastic results for both for reading and writing. Mathematics was slightly lower but scores were very good relative to both the board and the provincial averages. Individual results will go home within the next few days (were provided to teachers on 2 Oct 17). Parents can see results on the website EQAO.com.
- Librarian Kerry Morrow asked for funds to buy the Forest of Reading books (French and English, from Ontario Library Association) for approx. \$1200 - \$1300 (prices will be released mid-October) plus \$100 - \$200 for French junior books. Decision made to split dance-a-thon funds 50/50 between athletics and library.
- Terry Fox funds (without online) amounted to over \$10K – well done!
- Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Fri 10 Nov. More details to follow.

### **Teacher's Report - Stacey Bock**

- Ukulele club has started and is very popular. Had to limit to Gr 2/3. Junior program will run after Christmas. Thank you to council.
- Cross country meets Wed 4 Oct and Wed 11 Oct. Counties Tue 17 Oct.
- Gr 7s went to Fort Willow last week.
- Spaghetti eating contest was enjoyed by all.
- Spelling bee award plaque: 12 plate annual plaque \$65, \$15 for one plate, \$9.75 for inscription each year. Scripts not running a regional spelling bee this year. Alternative option: Kempenfelt Bay School hosts a spelling bee in April and winners compete at Canadian National Spelling Bee in Toronto. January sign up with \$50 entry fee. Proposal for council to fund entry fee of school winners/top 2 divisional winners, up to 6 children (\$300). Council approved funds for purchase of plaque and entry fees.

### **Dance-A-Thon - Laura Lighthouse**

- Friday 27 Oct. Pledge forms to go home after Thanksgiving. Primaries in morning, juniors in midday and intermediates in afternoon. Cosmic store items typically sell very well. Encouraging online pledging. Leadership team will visit each classroom to promote the event.

### **Volunteer Update - Debra Kapy**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer session tonight prior to this meeting.
- Needed a volunteer to pick up hot dog buns every week from Fox's Bakery, as they no longer deliver. Jenna Hunter offered to be the delivery person.
- Eat well needs one more volunteer.
- Tue 17 Oct is picture day. Due to County Cross-Country meet, junior and intermediate class photos and individual photos for XC athletes will be on retake day (TBD) same as last year.

### **New Business**

- Question regarding activities formerly run by Megan McColm.
  - Food drives (Christmas and Easter) will be run by the student leadership team.
  - Math Teams (CNML & Gauss) will be run by Mr. Babb & Mr. Palmer
  - Diane Gratrix and Krista Karn will be selling popcorn for Global Action.

**Next School Council Meeting**

- Monday, November 6, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Library
- Please forward agenda items by Friday November 3, 2017 to the Council Chairs at [councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:councilchairfor@scdsb.on.ca)