



Fieldcrest Elementary
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Minutes for the School Council Meeting - Election Night

Monday, September 23, 2019

Notes taken by: Tereena Clarke and Leslie Blot

1. Welcome and Introduction

- Kim welcomed everyone and introduced the admin team.
- Kim then explained the main body of a school council and 12 voting members.
- Staff does not vote. They are just a present body for advisement and points of view (or to present information to the council)

2. School Council Elections

- Kim went over the elected positions that are on the council (Chair/Co-Chair, Recording Secretary, Council Members)
- The School Council body is a collaborative unit that works together to build parent engagement and support the school plan
- School Council Chair Role: an important link, but is not RUNNING everything on their own.
- Recording Secretary: Job is to take notes of the meeting and prepare minutes of the meeting.

Chair	1. Angela Bava
Co-Secretaries	2. Leslie Blot and 3. Devon Walsh
Members	4. Celine Bucknell
	5. Shari Elson
	6. Sumayya Khan
	7. Christine Kitchen
	8. Jennifer Lambie
	9. Lindsey Lewis
	10. Julianne Lianos
	11. Nele Meuleman
	12. Valery Salo
	Alternates: Kim Enss and Chidimma Eghagha
Student Reps	TBA
Staff	Tereena Clarke, Rosette Mcleod and Anne Wright
Community Rep	Officer Rob

3. Simcoe County District School Board Strategic Plan 2017-2022

- See agenda handout for the Strategic Priorities.

4. School Report

- Update of School Organization
- Kim went over the changes to our school organization as we are now at 875 students. This is an increase from last year, but nowhere near the 900+ projected in the previous spring. As a result, we lost a grade 6/7 split class. This teacher was reassigned and the impacted students will be moved into other classes. All classroom reorganization will take place on “Turn Around Day” tomorrow (Tuesday September 24).
- There was an inquiry why there were three grade 1/2 split classes. Kim explained that we were able to look at the numbers and create one full grade 1 class, one full grade 2 class, and one remaining 1/2 split class moving forward.
- Administer Profile

- See handout on School Council Annual School Administration Profile. There will be a follow up discussion at the next meeting.
- Volunteer Orientation (Len Dunkley)
- There is a presenting from 10-10:30 AM in the Library for those wanting to be volunteers at Fieldcrest.
- Nele volunteered to continue to be the Hot Lunch Coordinator, but is unable to attend the Volunteer Orientation. She requested that Len ask for those interested to help out with Hot Lunches to contact her, Len, Marty or Kim.
- Police Checks are mandatory for being a volunteer. Once you have a police check on file, then you complete a “Declaration” form (after 5 years, then you need to do a new police check)
- Parking Lot Safety Update (Marty Orr)
- The community is getting the message about where we can and cannot park. The bylaw officers have been out and about to ensure that people are parking in areas that are allowed. There are traffic studies being done on the road as well, so we can ensure that are children can arrive and get home safely.
- Parent Engagement
- We are getting a lot of things ready for the students.
- We are hoping to get more community involvement in our community advisory board so that we can get some new information, new ideas and resources that are available to help us.
- We were wondering if the School Council Members would be interested in having different presenters come to talk about a variety of topics (Social Media, Peer Pressure, Social Anxiety)
- **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MINDFUL RESOURCE LIBRARY** - Last year we were given \$1000 for get resources for mindfulness. These can be signed out by parents to read and use with their families (borrowing library). See Anne Wright for details on how to do so. There is also a bucket of teacher resources and lesson plans.
- **ORANGE SHIRT DAY** - Anne explained why we wear an orange shirt on “Orange Shirt Day.”
- **GREEN TEAM** - we are trying to get an EcoSchool certification this year, but it requires community involvement/support as an “Eco Partner”. This can be as easy as coming in and helping to weed the gardens, a litter-picking
- **OFF TOPIC - Clubs/Teams** - Question from Parents: when do we know about what clubs or teams are offered? Is there a schedule? Anne mentioned that we are currently updating the School Website and **that teacher tab will be updated first, and there is also a section for Clubs and Teams - stay tuned to this.** Teachers volunteering for clubs can also put in a blurb in the school newsletter.
- **FAMILY FUN FITNESS NIGHT** - Upper Primary to Junior Grades - there will be a couple of dates. It’s a chance for families to come to the school together and play some fitness games with their children and other families. We would like to bring this back to Fieldcrest. Stay tuned for information and dates.

5. School Council Fund Raising

- Current Balance of Available School Generated Monies in Accounts
- There was a handout regarding the monies that were in accounts currently and where some of these funds have been allocated. Kim explained the key areas of interest for what some of the accounts are used (e.g., Field Trips - extra amount is used to supplement those families that may not be able to afford to pay for a field trip but would like to be able to go).
- Vote: Allocation of \$850.-- + HST (approx.) for a fall 2019 Grade 1-3 Lice Check (280 students)
 - Kim presented that they would like some funds from School Council to cover the cost of a school-wide lice check. This will help prevent the spread of lice).
- There was a parent question as to why the focus is only Grades 1-3 and not kindergarten students as well or older grades. Kim explained that usually at grades 1-3 is when students are starting sleepovers with close friends, or camps and are more prone to lice as a result.
- Motion Introduced/Proposed by chair Angela Bava. 2nd: Jen Lambie In Favour: unanimous
- Goal Setting:
 - Start, Stop and Continue - what is the will of the council? Are there any other ideas for fund raising?

- It was suggested that there is a high NEED for more parent volunteers. Nele would LOVE for at least 10 new volunteers sign up to help with lunch so that the workload can be shared.

6. Question & Answer: Discussion

- REPLANTING OF THE TREES: Q = When will the construction people/town replant the trees they tore down when building the new houses? We still have not received an update on what they will be doing or when we'll see new trees at this time.
- OPHEA SCHOOL CERTIFICATION: 2 years ago our school had honourable mention and last year we were bumped up to GOLD.
- ECOSCHOOLS: We "hope" to achieve a GOLD status here as well.

7. Dates for School Council Meetings for 2019-2020

- September 23
- October 21
- November 18
- January 14
- February 3
- March 30
- May 4

8. Adjournment

- Next meeting: October 21, 2019 - 6:30-7:45 pm
- Adjourned at: 7:35 PM