

**Lake Simcoe Public School Council Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, April 9, 2018

<b>Attendance</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Lisa Suelzle, Sarah Simon, Cristina Pivato, Shannon Pitt, Sarah Hurst, Amy Pruchnicki, Kari Harding, Lisa Carl, Heather Rocca, Jennifer Henderson, Lee Belisle, Jennifer Catlender</p> <p><b>Parents at Large Present:</b> Alex Harding</p> <p><b>Member Regrets:</b> Daniel Herceg, Courtney Ward, Amanda Klauke, Dawn Toth, Chelsea Chatwell</p>
<b>Introduction</b>	Call to order at 6:15 PM
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p><b>Shave for the Brave in support of YACC</b> - currently over \$8,000 raised online. Donations can be made at <a href="http://shaveforthebrave.ca">shaveforthebrave.ca</a>. We have over 70 shavers, up from 40 last year. As this is our second year, next year we will likely focus our fundraising efforts elsewhere and put this event on hold.</p> <p><b>Graduation</b> – to be held on Wednesday, June 27. This is the day before school fishes and report cards go home.</p> <p><b>Rocks &amp; Rings</b> – this is an introduction to curling that will take place April 16 and 17 and is supported by school fundraising efforts. The money was allocated at the beginning of the year in the fundraising plan. Students will be asked for \$1 or \$2 to help cover the cost and all students at the school will participate unless on field trips, etc.</p> <p><b>Math Literacy</b> – we are taking steps within the school to improve math literacy as part of our PLC. There are common math problems posted in the hallways for kids to access and they're loving working through them and writing out their thinking with markers. Staff is encouraging parents to follow social media and read the newsletter for access to parent friendly math resources and ways to work math into daily life.</p> <p><b>Community Boards</b> - cork boards have gone up in the school and are already showcasing art. They will serve as half information board and half celebration, sharing school successes, team victories, etc.</p> <p><b>Staffing Changes</b> - Julianne Patamia has moved to Assikinack. Mandy Boyd who is our clerk steno has moved into the role until permanent hiring is done.</p> <p>Brooke Bishop is nearing the end of her pregnancy. Mrs. Poier is supplying in her class, all of the kids know her. Hiring practice will begin once Brooke's leave officially begins.</p> <p><b>School Growth</b> - More portables are coming as the school continues to grow. The school population is expected to increase by 146% over</p>

the next 4 years. A new addition will be added to the school to house a daycare. Expected to break ground in 2019.

**Superintendent Visit** – Paula Murphy will be visiting the school on May 8. She is looking to hear from students so a group of kids has been chosen to represent the student voice. She will be getting their opinions about our school, what they like, what they think could be improved, etc. Staff has been listening to parent voices and they will be represented via Jennifer Henderson.

**Track and Field** – will take place May 16 at Nantyr. Students will walk over and can bring money for concessions.

**EQAO** – begins Wednesday May 23, after the long weekend, and will continue until the following week with catch up days for kids who couldn't attend. Parent volunteers have offered to help out with healthy snacks. Testing will take place over the first two blocks of the day with the third block reserved for releasing tension.

**STEAM Camp** – summer camp will be held at our school for grade 3-5 students who are in level 2 or low 3 range in math. Students will be nominated and parents can decide whether they want their children to attend.

**Provincial Election** – the school will serve as a polling station all day on June 7.

**Yard Painting** – will occur mid to late April if the weather cooperates. Heather has put in a lot of effort to get it done quickly in the hopes that students will be able to enjoy it before this school year is over. Kids will not need to bring in their own balls for basketball, soccer, etc. The school will be purchasing more equipment for this purpose. The owner of the painting company is a retired Phys Ed teacher who will teach a group of older kids the games. They will, in turn, teach other kids. Additionally, focused teaching will occur and Heather has been working with the teachers on this.

**Health and Safety** – pylons have been put out in the kiss and ride area and at the hills in the kindergarten area to create new boundaries which the kids are doing well at following.

**Mindful Arts Night** – we need to pull the parent community in to fulfill the requirements of the PRO grant. Glenn Marais will give a little talk that night about inclusiveness and kindness to fulfill the speaker requirement. We need evaluation of the evening from parents and require school council members to volunteer to man that station. Everyone that fills out a survey will get a Lake Simcoe magnet that's a quick reference with school numbers. There will also be a draw for door prizes and we need council help to generate some of those prizes. A volunteer is also needed for the donation table though this year parents will be encouraged to preorder their children's art. Send

	<p>Heather an email if you are available to help. Sarah will send a note out to all council members re: volunteering.</p> <p>There is lots planned for the night. The library will be used for the book fair, front hallway will have feedback station. Along hallways to the kindergarten rooms there will be tables set up with community resources such as the Library &amp; Idealab, South Simcoe Police and Kinark. In the kindergarten rooms there will be yoga and other mindful activities. The gym will have the entertainment and the art gallery. Food trucks will line the kiss and ride if the painting is done. If not, they will line up around the emergency exit of the gym.</p>
<b>Minutes Review</b>	<p>Lee Belisle motions to approve the March 5 minutes. Cristina Pivato seconds.</p>
<b>Hot Lunch Update</b>	<p>Pizza lunches are ongoing. There will another run of pizza lunches from the middle of May to June. Holding them back to back was confusing for students since not everyone orders every time.</p> <p>Hot dog day brought in \$362.50</p> <p>Sub lunches run until the end of April.</p> <p>The hot lunch committee will meet to discuss the possibility of a special lunch before the end of the school year.</p>
<b>Chair Report</b>	<p>Lisa is setting up a PRO grant subcommittee and a fundraising subcommittee. There have been no meetings yet but she has volunteers for both. Additional volunteers are still welcome.</p> <p>Lisa will attend a parent involvement symposium on April 20-21. The focus is the importance of engagement and participation and there will be guest speakers, workshops and networking opportunities. Lisa will bring back any useful information for council.</p>
<b>Pro Grant Application 2018-19</b>	<p>The deadline for applications is June 5. Applications must be approved by school council. The focus of this year's grants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to support and engage parents who have not been previously active, are hard to reach, or are part of racially diverse or indigenous communities.</li> <li>• to increase access to math strategies</li> <li>• to promote the value of post-secondary education and educate on pathways, possibilities and supports</li> </ul> <p>The grants will not exceed \$1000.</p> <p>It's best to tie our event to the school action plan as it makes it easier to plan when things are already set in motion within the school. The staff would be very supportive of a math night.</p>

	Jennifer Catlender motions for a community event with a math focus. Sarah Hurst seconds the motion and it passes. Lisa will email the subcommittee. Lisa Carl volunteers to help with planning.
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	Meetings are adjourned until the fall.