

Lake Simcoe Public School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 15, 2018

Attendance	<p>Members Present: Sarah Hurst, Shannon Pitt, Courtney Ward, Amanda Klauke, Dawn Toth, Amy Pruchnicki, Kari Harding, Lisa Carl, Jenn Henderson, Heather Rocca, Chelsea Chatwell, Amanda Dufour, Tamara Cresswell, Lisa Suelzle, Sarah Simon</p> <p>Parents at Large Present: Alex Harding, Charlotte Belanger, Andrea Logan, Cristina Pivato</p> <p>Member Regrets: Jennifer Catlender, Daniel Herceg</p>
Introduction	<p>Call to order at 6:20 PM Welcome Jenn Henderson</p>
Principal's Report	<p>Jenn gave a brief introduction of herself to the group – she has been an educator for 20 years. Discussed an emphasis on leadership, respect and support at Lake Simcoe.</p> <p>Forest of Reading The cost of books was approved by council at the November meeting, originally quoted as \$1,126.88 but actual cost was \$1,002.53. Lisa has purchased the books and the kids are already reading.</p> <p>Fundraising The final total for QSP sales was \$1,119.06.</p> <p>The current Hot Lunch total is \$10,469.87 though that number is fluctuating based on the ongoing process of incoming and outgoing funds. The final total should be somewhere between \$8,500 and \$10,000. Subs have brought in an additional \$484.78.</p> <p>Donations If parents or other members of the school community wish to make donations to the school they can do that via cheque in the office. They can note where they would like the funds to be directed (e.g. graduation, breakfast club, etc.) or the donation can be allocated to general school needs. If parents wish to donate to the school in lieu of participating in fundraising they are welcome to do so.</p> <p>Grants There is no new information at this time. The only grant in the budget is the \$500 PRO grant.</p> <p>Staffing There are some changes in staffing for our grade 2 classes. Mrs. MacDonnell secured a contract elsewhere and is leaving the school January 19. Her replacement, Matthew Patey, will start at the end of the reporting period, February 5. There will be a 2-week window where a</p>

supply teacher will be in place. She is already working with the classroom teacher to aid in the transition.

Mrs. Murray left the school at Christmas break. Mr. Bridge was slated to take over that class but he is currently on medical leave. Ms. Best is currently in that classroom and the process to hire a long term occasional teacher is underway.

Assorted Notes

- There is a current emphasis on math leadership for the junior grades.
- The Current Events magazine subscription has been renewed for the library.
- The grade 5s will be going on two trips to leadership camp this year, funded by Tim Hortons.
- There will be a character ed assembly on January 29 at 9:30. The featured trait is Honesty but teachers have asked to recognize students for other traits as well so that will be incorporated.
- We are trying to promote the school newsletter and website as a source of information for parents. People are encouraged to subscribe on the website to get notifications.

Council Bylaws

The maximum number of voting positions was increased for our school council to 18 this year. However, board and ministry regulations set the number at 12. We will return to 12 voting members for next school year as it can be difficult to reach quorum with so many members.

According to Article 6 chairs can be reelected up to maximum of 3 years. They may be elected for a 4th year if no one else wants to assume the role.

Article 9 states that school council meetings are to be held from 6:15 to 7:30 on the first Monday of the month, except in March.

Funding Requests

Heather is looking into ways to build on the success of last year's Mindful Arts Night. She would like to involve musician Glenn Marais who works with kids at all grade levels in schools. He could teach the older kids to use the drums in the library and work with the younger kids through percussion and dancing. His focus is inclusivity, diversity and anti-bullying (www.glenmarais.ca).

The cost to have him in the school is \$3,500. The program would begin in February and Glenn would spend a couple of months working with the

	<p>kids over at least 10 sessions. Kids will build on his teaching in music class with the aim of a performance at Mindful Arts night on May 3, 2018. There will be exploration into how we might tie the PRO grant in to this initiative.</p> <p>Tamara Cresswell motions to fund Glenn coming to the school. Shannon Pitt seconds. Motion carries.</p> <p>Heather has been collecting quotes for playground painting. These paintings might include things like a walking track, 4 squares, numbers chart, maps, etc. and would provide opportunities for activity for older students. Students would be included in the process of choosing which paintings to incorporate, with reps from each class. The painting company would work with a leadership team of students to teach them how to use the games. The paintings would cost approximately \$7,500. Sarah Hurst motions to approve funding for the painting. Lisa Suelzle seconds and suggests using proceeds from hot lunch. Motion carries.</p>
Minutes Review	Tabled to next meeting
Fundraising	<p>We raised \$273 during our last Kidney Clothes drive. The next drive will likely be in April but no dates have been determined yet.</p> <p>The next fundraiser is Little Caesars pizza kits. Forms will go out in February and product will be delivered to the school before March Break.</p> <p>The poinsettia sale raised \$462.30 for the breakfast club.</p> <p>Gift Wrapping was reduced to 3 days and made a total of \$46 from only one customer.</p>
Ideas for Fundraising	<p>Move to Give with YMCA – there is a zumbathon on April 7 to raise funds for memberships for families or children who couldn't otherwise afford them. This probably will not work for our school this year as Shave for the Brave is also in April but if we could participate in May as part of Mind Arts week it's possible it could be incorporated.</p> <p>A Barrie Colts event won't happen this year. Amanda Klauke will reach out to the Colts about next year.</p> <p>Siblings photos – principals will investigate</p> <p>An Eggsmart dinner is no longer a possibility as their hours have changed and they are no longer open past 5 PM.</p> <p>A movie night was suggested but it would require the purchase of an expensive license and may be difficult to schedule due to public events taking place in the school. The principals will explore whether we could work with the Innisfil Public Library on an event like this.</p>

Grants	Gryphon Grant of \$1,500 went towards instruments. They have been delivered and ready for use. We received a \$250 grant from the Lions Club as part of their Eat Well program
Food Drive	The school's food drive brought in 1,800 lbs of food. The food bank said it was their largest single donation to date. The kindergarten students really embraced the process and it was a great learning experience for them.
Next Meeting Date	March 5, 2018