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| **Leslieville School Council****Meeting Minutes****Sept 2019** |  |

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| **Item** | **Notes** |
| **Agenda and Minutes** | * Co-Chairs walked through the Agenda – No changes were made.
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| **Introductions** | * Attendee’s introduced themselves.
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| **Principal’s Report** | * Principal welcomed all parents and introduced teacher representative on the Council – Ms. Kramer.
* Ms. Vahidy also attended the meeting to share some updates (see below).

**Upcoming Events:*** Sept 20 - Terry Fox – parent volunteers are welcome. Kids may bring a $2.00 donation.
* Sept 20 – Inclusion Day – Kids will do some activities in their respective classroom.
* Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day
* Oct 2 – Curriculum Night

**Parent Protocols – Reminders!** * Parents are encouraged to connect directly with the teacher when they have questions/concerns about their child in the school.
* Volunteering – parents who wish to volunteer are required to have a criminal check – forms are available at the office and the cost is $20 (certified cheque).
	+ If you already did one, you can continue to volunteer with a declaration (also doable at the office)
	+ Parents can volunteer up to 3 times without the check, but it is not encouraged.

**Water Main Damage:*** Caretaker found damage upon arrival at the school and a decision was made for the students to stay in building versus evacuate to another school.
* Bottle water and hand sanitizer were brought in for the students and the caretaker assisted with facilities.
* The pipes were replaced and the school continues to work on damages, but water supply is back to normal.
* Please contact principal if you do not receive update emails.

**School Administration*** Official school budget has not been communicated, but has been reduced up to 10% as per TDSB.
* Current enrolment is 319 Students – and that required a change for JK/SK, i.e. Room 107 will no longer be a JK/SK class and the students will be distributed to the other classes in order to balance the classes.
* An additional impact is the loss of a Teacher – the principal will be reviewing the details and will communicate the impacted teacher. This may be dependent on the Teachers seniority at Leslieville and could be a teacher across all classes (i.e. JK- Grade 6).
* Discussion included:
	+ Ensuring the teacher(s) being reassigned is(are) qualified to teach the grade they are in.
	+ Remaining JK/SK classes will stay in the same classroom.
	+ The current teacher (from the impacted JK/SK class) will be involved in making recommendations on where the student might go.
* Will still be looking at increasing Technology in the school and doing what can be done to improve the school.
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| **Teacher Report** | * *Budget*
	+ Ms Kramer communicated an ask for funding from Ms Karasavitis – Chef a L’Ecole.
	+ Funds raised from Pizza Lunch will be discussed at the staff committee and they will be looking to do another school wide trip.
	+ Ms Vahidy brought forward that there is a need for school bus’s to plan for travel to Leslie Spit Education Centre that is not accessible any other way. Could be a school trip.
	+ Garden Maintenance and Education – refunding Ellen? (Context was discussed: Ellen was funded by Model School funding and was up to $10,000 and this can be negotiated based on the lessons included. Council will include this as an option in the future Parent/Teacher Survey on the school community needs).
* *Cross Country:*
	+ Inclusive (non-competitive) physical activity for the school – over 100 students are participating on Oct 3, 2019.
	+ Council has asked to explore a school bus to Ashbridges Bay for the meet, but there are a number of reasons that walking is the preferred option (e.g. priority for bus parking is given to students coming from schools further away).
	+ A letter with further details will be sent home soon.
* *Eco Schools:*
	+ Boomerang Lunch has been rolled out at the school. Students are required to bring back all waste (compost and other) home.
	+ This years theme is *Child Empowerment*
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| **Council overview**  | * Council is governed based on the Education Act of Ontario and is mandated to have a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
* See attached overview presentation from 2018-19 for further details.
* Meetings are monthly – last Tuesday of every month.
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| **Official business**  | * Elections were held and positions were filled as follows:
	+ Chairs – Julie Malbogat and Amy Lazar
	+ Secretary – Nisha Haji and Jenn McGoey
	+ Treasurer – Sumiko Oda Gillard and Winston Ng
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| **Council Committees** | * Parents were encouraged to sign up to one of the following committee’s (see the attached descriptions):
	+ Parent Engagement
	+ Communication
	+ Fundraising (would include Fun Fair)
	+ Advocacy and Equity
	+ Events:
		- Movie Night
		- Family Dance
		- Staff Appreciation
	+ Welcome to Kindie!
	+ Ward Representative – participates in the Trustee’s Council
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| **Council Survey** | * Co-Chairs have drafted a survey to learn more about the needs of the school/committee – the survey will be shared with council members for feedback.
* Council is working on having the survey distributed prior to and on Oct 2nd as part of curriculum night.
* Council is supportive of translating the survey and any costs associated with this.
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| **Treasurer’s Report**  | * Treasurer provided an overview of the current balance sheet.
* Leslieville is now on the *School Cash Online* system and therefore Pizza Lunch payments (and other school initiatives that require payments) will be available online.
* Cash payments will still available for those parents that choose to do that.
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| **Roundtable** | * Council member asked about the potential budget cuts and where the principal envisions council support. Principal provided some examples, including classroom supplies, STEM initiatives, technology etc.
* An International School Climate Strike will be happening on Sept 27 – council recommended that the school might consider a micro activity for younger kids to participate in.
* Student Snack Program – Cheques can be made to *Leslieville Home and School Association*
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| **Other Discussion** | * Reminder: Voting for council business is based on attendees at the meeting.
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**Decisions**

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|  | * Council will fund Ms Karasavidis request for French Chef Program.
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**Actions**

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|  | * Communications Committee – Update the site with:
	+ By Laws and Minutes from previous/future meeting.
	+ International School Climate Strike – Sept 27
* Principal – Communicate the *School Cash Online* roll out to all parents.

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**Future Agenda Items**

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| None discussed |

**Future Meeting Schedule**

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| 2019-20 | The meeting schedule is as follows:* October 15, 2019
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