

Leslieville Junior Public School



Subject/Title:	School Council Meeting Minutes		
Date/Time:	September 17, 2014	Location:	Staff Room
Meeting Participants			
Meeting Attendees:	Sue Alberto, Christine Anderson, John Blundell, Charlene Dunstan (Chair), Carolyn Fidgen, Mieke Fraser, Sharon Gunn, Sherri Hanley, Omar Herrera, Jennifer Huang, Mary Kennedy, Alex Mathias, Allison McColeman, Christine Nero, Lori Kirchner, Winston Ng, Morag Paton, Diana Quinn, Norma Rodriguez, Kate Sanagan, Nadine Silverthorne, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Spink, Tai So, Jay Thatcher, Alisa Wing, Lisa Wu		
Minute-Taker	Jay Thatcher		

Item	Notes
School Council Elections	<p>This item provided an overview of the School Council election process and the election results.</p> <p>Election Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to TDSB rules a new School Council executive is needed by third week of every school year • Leslieville School Council has always had a chair, vice-chair, volunteer lead, secretary, treasurer and a community liaison lead • It was noted that by being a school member you have a voice at council, and that any votes at School Council are open to attendees to the meeting, not just to those elected to School Council positions <p>New Governance Model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last June a new School Council model was presented, which would see some responsibilities of the Chair position moved to new positions • It was noted that the Chair position is required by the TDSB; at Leslieville, the School Council Chair would be responsible for chairing meetings. It has been confirmed that, according to TDSB policy, the Chair position can only be held by one person <p>Election Results:</p> <p>The following positions were filled by nomination and seconding. No positions had more than one person nominated.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Chair: Shannon Spink (nominated by Kate Sanagan and seconded by Charlene Dunstan) • School Liaison Lead: Kate Sanagan (nominated by Charlene Dunstan and seconded by Christine Anderson) • Events Lead: Charlene Dunstan (nominated by Tai So and seconded by Christine Anderson) • Fundraising Lead: Diana Quinn (nominated by Diana Quinn and seconded by Kate Sanagan) • Volunteer Lead: Christine Anderson (nominated by Nadine Silverthorne and seconded by Charlene Dunstan) • Treasurer: Winston Ng (nominated by Kate Sanagan and seconded by Lisa Wu) • Secretary: Jay Thatcher (nominated by Kate Sanagan and seconded by Tai So). Nadine Silverthorne agreed to act as an alternate as needed. • Special Education Lead: Morag Paton (nominated by Sherri Hanley and seconded by Kate Sanagan). Erica Henry and Sherri Hanley also offered to volunteer on this team. • Community Outreach Lead: Jennifer Huang (nominated by Jennifer Huang and seconded by Kate Sanagan) <p>School Council Committees</p> <p>The following volunteered to lead committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening / Eco Schools: Nadine Silverthorne • Food: Alex Mathias. Mieke Fraser, Shannon Spink and Diana Quinn also volunteered for this committee. • Room Parents: Alisa Wing • Caring and Safe Schools: Sherri Hanley
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Items in the Principal's Report were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff: There is a new caretaking staff this year; Ray is the chief and Terry is on the night staff. There were several complements at the meeting on the cleanliness of the school this year. • Cleaning: Some work is still needed to clean-up hallways. A bin is coming and this will be completed before Curriculum Night. • School Environment: The Ministry of Education and the TDSB are focusing on creating positive relationships, which includes help with mental health and caring and safe schools. Resources for parents are available. Restorative Practices are practiced at Leslieville. • Communications: New for this year is the federal anti-spam legislation, which means that parents need to give permission to receive anything of a commercial nature (e.g., school fundraising events). A sign-up form will be included with the first newsletter of the year next week. The form is also on the TDSB site. Email addresses gathered from this form can be used for School Council communications purposes. • Technology: The Model Schools program will provide 10 iPads for Grade 1 as part of the Early Years initiative. • Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sports and activities active and upcoming include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Softball is for grades 4 to 6 ▪ Cross country practices 5 days a week

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary grades choir ▪ Suggestions related to coordinating and communicating activities included having a master list – possibly on the School Council site – of all activities and dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events: October 24 is Grandparents day. There will be an assembly on this day and grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren’s classrooms afterwards. Mr. Ball will have a will bookstore so that grandparents will be available to purchase books to donate to the school. • Priorities: There was a question from the table about the school’s priorities for the upcoming year (e.g., fundraising, non-fundraising). Sherri Hanley volunteered to work with Leasa to identify school priorities • Funding: The school was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Ministry of Education’s Parents Reaching Out program; it is intended that this be used for a Math Literacy Night. • Policy: The need for all volunteers to require a police check was deferred at the TDSB board at the end of year last year, and will not likely be discussed for a few months. Leslieville will be keeping with the previous practice.
Teachers’ Report	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff appreciated coffee on the first day of school and the coffee maker in the staff kitchen • Grade 1 to 6 students are being introduced to keyboarding. Mr. Ball will attach some web site URLs in the forthcoming newsletter • A book sale will be offered on Curriculum Night
Finances	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$12,500 is allocated for various initiatives based on previous years activities and related amounts • \$2,500 for is allocated for miscellaneous items that have not yet been allocated • \$3,500 is a surplus that has not been allocated. • It was noted that the Silent Auction will be held in November (vs in May at the Fun Fair) for the first time this year, which should be a boost to finances <p>A motion passed to provide coffee in the school yard on the Monday before the School Council meeting. Approximate cost is \$55.</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>Silent Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will be at Leslieville on November 21 • “Leslieville at Night” is the theme • It will be adult only; limited childcare will be offered off-site via the daycare in the church at Leslie and Gerrard • Area businesses will be canvassed for donations • Queen St. retailers were told that we would advertise for • Queen St. businesses at school events; this was due to business concerns during the Queen St. construction this past summer • Over the summer letters requesting support were sent to corporate sponsors; now we need to contact local businesses. • Now suggesting that we take donations letters to local businesses; Charlene will be putting up a Google Docs page to track which businesses have been asked for a

	<p>donation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction is a vendor that offers items on consignment. • Credit cards can be used • Charlene will be looking into music and have bands and use th DJ school in the area • There was discussion of food at the event and volunteers would run this, if vendors would be asked to participate and if the vendors would be local • Volunteers are needed for the event <p>Spanish Lessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish lesson registration via the TDSB International Languages Office is on September 18 (3:30pm to 6:00pm) • Cost is \$20 for the year • 23 students are needed • Chinese classes will be offered at the same time <p>Curriculum Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Night is October 1 • Volunteers: Tai needs 2 staff for BBQ, and 4 large coolers <p>Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first Movie Night is October 17th; Most Wanted is the movie <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Food for Real Kids starts next week • 25 signed up and 50 are needed • They will be at Curriculum Night <p>Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QSP (magazine subscription) will be running from October 1 to 15 <p>School Trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mono Cliffs trip for upper grades is upcoming • An Information Session, including anticipated cost, will be held at 5:45pm on October 1st (before Curriculum Night)
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Action Items

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