

Leslieville Junior Public School



Subject/Title:	School Council Meeting Minutes		
Date/Time:	October 15, 2014	Location:	Staff Room
Meeting Participants			
Meeting Attendees:	Sue Alberto, Christine Anderson, Charlene Dunstan, Carolyn Fidgen, Mieke Fraser, Darren Goldstein, Sherri Hanley, Jennifer Huang, Mary Kennedy, Alex Mathias, Christine Nero, Lori Kirchner, Winston Ng, Morag Paton, Diana Quinn, Nadine Silverthorne, Shannon Spink (Chair), Tai So, Jay Thatcher, Alisa Wing, Lisa Wu		
Minute-Taker	Jay Thatcher		

Item	Notes
Review of Minutes	<p>The September 17, 2014, minutes were reviewed with no issues or revisions noted.</p> <p>One revision had been previously indicated: the Finance section should be revised to be: "\$3,511 is not allocated for this year".</p>
Principal's Report	<p>Items in the Principal's Report were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music: A Cuban drummer is working Ms. Spencer tomorrow • Sports: on October some students will attend the cross-country running semi-finals • Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 21st is picture day • October 24th is Grandparents Day; grandparents can rotate between classrooms. Some classes will perform, then grandparents can go to classrooms. Note that a translator will be available. • Grade 6 students will travel to Mono Cliffs on October 26 • October 31 is the Halloween parade • Remembrance Day is on November 11 • Reports and Scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Reports will be sent home on November 12; interviews will be that night and the morning of the November 14 • EQAO scores are available and were sent home yesterday. Leslieville is no longer an OFIP school. • Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 iPads have been received through the Model Schools program. Some Teachers have had their first professional development session on this technology and others will occur over the course of the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ball mentioned that this year students will develop their typing skills. Information and URLs have been sent home; progress will be monitored regarding a possible link with testing and learning assistance. • The goal is to have an iPad and document stand and projector in each classroom. • Safe and Caring Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first Safe and Caring Schools meeting was held, which focused on the school evacuation plan; this will be presented at next meeting in more detail. The first evacuation spot is Bruce PS and the second is at Riverdale CI • Staff Development: Tomorrow is the first teacher inquiry workshop; it is a half-day session in which teachers focus on one area, and look at the results and data. Math is a focus. Would be good if each teacher followed number sense routines in their class for 15 minutes per day to help students understand numbers and relationships • Staffing: Edith is now the official second secretary • Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The December newsletter is planned to be the last paper copy sent home. After December the newsletter will be electronic only; parents will need to download it or receive it by e-mail • Still waiting on an updated parent email list from the tdsb
Teachers' Report	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room Parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers have asked for clarification about room parent role ○ It was clarified that Rooms Parents are to help relay messages ○ It is up to the teacher about what to send home via the room parent. ○ It is meant to help with class parents • Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were questions about having better communications from the school and teachers about upcoming events ○ It was noted that the School Council Facebook page has links to a Google and an iCal calendar, but these events are dependent on the School Council being notified of them. ○ It is planned that every teacher will have a website to help with communications. Hopefully will have everyone there
Events Lead's Report	<p>An update on the Silent Auction on November 21 was provided as follows:</p> <p>Donor Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council members have received an e-mail with a list of retailers and restaurants and which have been approached • Some people have listed things that they can auction • There is a need to have ask more people for donations; donors don't need to be local • The e-mail has a link to the solicitation letter to be used and a list of approached donors that can be edited <p>Admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that some schools charge an entry fee/cover charge to their Silent Auction events • After discussion on the pros and cons of charging admission, a vote was held. A \$5/person admission charge will apply.

	<p>Linkage with Strategic Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a suggestion that funds from major events such as the Silent Auction be earmarked for capital purchases • A school sign (in front of the school, to promote events) was suggested as a capital item that was a priority and one that Silent Auction funds could be earmarked for. It was noted that an electronic school sign will cost approximately \$8-10,000. <p>Activities and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an adult-only event • Entertainment is planned and outreach is being made within the school community for potential entertainers/bands • There is the possibility of limited childcare via the daycare in the church at Gerrard and Leslie, with the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of the service is suggested as \$20/child for the night on a first-come first-served pre-paid basis ○ A maximum of 25 children is suggested ○ With full subscription, this will generate profit for the event ○ Need to decide by two weeks before the event re.: confirming this service
<p>Communications Lead's Report</p>	<p>Items discussed in the Communications Lead Report were focused on the various challenges in providing school event information to parents.</p> <p>Some themes discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents do not always learn about school events such as clubs and sports until after the event or deadline has passed • The Leslieville TDSB site has links to calendars with school events, but events must be sent to Alisa to be posted on these calendars • It was suggested that the school newsletter have a link to the Leslieville School Council Facebook page, and that parents be advised that this page doesn't require a Facebook account
<p>Events and Volunteers</p>	<p>October 17th is the first Movie Night. Volunteers were identified to help with this event</p>
<p>Fundraising Lead's Report</p>	<p>\$1995 has been raised from the QSP magazine service so far.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Two items of note in the Treasurer's Report were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Night raised \$400 in profit this year, compared to \$600 last year. • The baseball team request for \$300 for equipment was not forecast but was approved in September. <p>Though not in the Treasurer's Report, a request was made to purchase more volleyballs for Mr. Yee. Leasa will look after this.</p>
<p>Grant Lead's Report</p>	<p>Two grant applications were summarized as follows:</p> <p>Evergreen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are applying for this grant related to school landscaping, and will setup a meeting with Ms. Shelly • This grant has several intake streams, with the next one in November

	<p>Full foods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at partnering with caring schools; the grant application is due in November <p>General grant information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many grants have the requirements of partnering with other others; Woodgreen and seniors associations were suggested, as well as having the garden as a way of getting seniors involved, which will also help our case in the grant application. Food share is a partner with Eastdale; we could come up with a credit for the kids to come and in the sprint and setup the garden and earn a credit at same time. It was suggested to talk to Laurette at Eastview, and to also to connect with the local Chinese association.
<p>Special Education Lead's Report</p>	<p>An update on the Special Education team was provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four parents met on Sept. 30 and came up with ideas and shared experiences in the system A list of prioritized items was presented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online list of special needs programs existing already and acronyms in the school Have all materials translated Have a calendar or list of external events Next year have external events Have information for Leslieville communications that would help to decrease stigmas, in addition to having a class profile in the newsletter Suggest to have the Special Education teacher talk about what happens in the classroom Orient teachers to the parents' experiences in the school, such as describing school support meetings The first school assembly, which was based around the theme of respect, fits in nicely with the goals of this committee
<p>Ward Council</p>	<p>An update on Ward Council activities was presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for the municipal election, thus there are no meetings at this time PIAC is looking for volunteers the vice-president position
<p>Greening</p>	<p>An update from the Greening committee was presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deanna and Nadine came to the school last weekend and cleaned up front patch A larger cleanup event will be held in the spring It was noted that a few years ago the Cherry Beach soccer coach donated items Ms. Shelly will be running the gardening club again Some parts of Curzon are still messy Thanks for the hopscotch lines Leasa noted that TDSB staff are also available for cleanup
<p>Snack Committee</p>	<p>An update from the Snack Committee was provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recap of items and concerns from last year was provided, including the time of day of the snack program (i.e., the need to get it out as early as possible)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion of having a calendar to list what is on the snack program menu, but it was noted that the menu fairly consistent (e.g., fruits and grains) • Last year there were concerns about food in the snack program not being organic. This hasn't been an issue this year. • There was a suggestion to include a profile about the snack program in a future school newsletter
Other Business	<p>Other business items tabled were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 extension at Leslieville: it was suggested to add this as a standing agenda item. Note that Leasa has checked with Mike Gallagher (area superintendent) and is waiting on a reply • The People for Education annual conference is Nov. 8 at the University of Toronto. Charlene and Kate want to go. Approval was given to send one more person.

Decisions

Item
Silent Auction: charge an admission of \$5/person
People for Education conference: one more person to attend along with Charlene and Kate

Action Items

Item	Lead	Due Date
Safety - Update on Evacuation Procedure	Leasa Adams	Next meeting
Fun Fair – check Fire Code regulations on the number of people allowed in the gym	Alisa Wing	Next meeting
Equipment – Leasa to look at buying more volleyballs for Mr. Yee	Leasa Adams	Next meeting