

Leslieville Junior Public School



Subject/Title:	School Council Meeting Minutes		
Date/Time:	March 25, 2015	Location:	Staff Room

Item	Notes
Principal's Report	<p>Items in the Principal's Report were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Review: The District Review occurred before March Break with details as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included were six TDSB staff, including a superintendent, vice-principals and principals ○ Each classroom was visited and feedback was provided ○ The reviewers looked at school trends and the school improvement plan and provided feedback; the superintendent was very pleased ○ One suggestion was to focus more on guided reading. A full report will be shared when received • Grade 7-8 Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PART meeting with TDSB occurred with TDSB planning staff and a small group of school community representatives ○ Next steps are to work on a survey for the school community along with a Frequently Asked Questions document ○ Parents should know that there are implications for extending to Grade 8. As an example, Duke of Connaught will be an optional attendance school. ○ To be confirmed is who will be circulated on a school survey • STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers were released one day before March Break ○ Focus is learning through inquiry and hands-on learning ○ Teachers came up with a project of what each grade will work on. An example of a bridge was given, where students build a bridge, test it, see how to improve it, and go back and improve it ○ A STEM kit has been received, which includes saws and glue guns and drills ○ There will be a STEM showcase in the first week of May • Funding Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$500 has been requested for the hockey team for ice time. This has already been allocated for this year. ○ Helmets have been requested for the Grade 5 and 6 skating programs. Kate has found a grant and will start the application. • Spring Concert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Spring Concert will be at 6:30pm on April 29 ○ A real concert (not dress rehearsal) will be held at 1:00pm on April 29; the dress rehearsal will be earlier ○ There will also be a mini-musical; clubs and choirs will participate, but not

	<p>each class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Night will be on May 6 from 6:00 to 7:30pm • Grade 5 and 6 Class Trip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The trip will be to Brock University on May 10 and 11 ○ Leslieville PS is subsidizing the trip by approximately \$6,000 (approximately 20 students at \$300 each); fundraising events will be held to offset this cost ○ Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were questions of what the Grade 5 and 6 students could do to raise funds for this trip ▪ Should this trip be held in the future given the cost; Leslieville is the only school in the area that offers this trip ▪ The cost of the trip is high, especially given the short length of the trip; more reasonable options were suggested ▪ The first School Council meeting in September should discuss the cost and future of this trip • Staffing: The school was just informed that two teacher positions were lost in the allocation for next year. One position is in elementary and one is in reading recovery. • School Sign: An estimate for \$4,500 plus extras and installation was received. Leasa will proceed to get a non-binding quote.
Event Lead's Report	<p>Items were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fun Fair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christine has looked at supplies and will get new prizes etc. ○ Pauline on track regarding volunteers from Riverdale CI ○ The same inflatables as last year will be rented, and there may be more games added such as the Nanobots track ○ Not having the Silent Auction makes it easier to plan and organize ○ Lottery license will be submitted. Need to decide what the prizes will be. Last year had an iPad mini for those kids that sold tickets
School Administration Lead's Report	<p>Items were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer and Kate attended recent Ward Council Meeting ○ Trustee Jennifer Storey provided information about the TDSB budget ○ The Capital Budget is coming in May, which will include discussion on closing schools. Eastern Commerce will be closing. ○ The TDSB Governance Review is happening; there will be public consultations in April and May, with recommendations by June ○ Mental health Strategy: every school is supposed to have one, which is the case at Leslieville ○ RH McGregor did a presentation on their going wireless ○ Leslieville will host the next Ward Council meeting on April 23 from 7:00 to 9:00pm • There is a Special Education conference this weekend at Earl Haig secondary • The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant application is due in May. Suggestions include an international buffet, two workshops, email notification, managing anxiety, parenting and teaching resiliency, media literacy. The application topic will be decided at the next meeting. • There was a suggestion to look into a babysitting course; Toronto Public Health

	<p>offers the Staying Home Alone program for 10 year olds and older</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sex Education program is going to happen
Fundraising Lead's Report	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acorn personalized cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need 25 orders to get the special fundraising price ○ Approximate cost is \$12 cost for package, school could mark it up ○ Will include your child's artwork
Treasurer's Report	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The last movie night had a profit of \$472
Special Education Lead's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A replacement Lead is needed for this portfolio
Other Business	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blue Jays have an 'ultimate field trip' that schools can apply to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pep rally at the school, then entire school gets to go to a game ○ Alisa will help, but the letter needs to come from the school ○ Leasa will circulate to staff ○ Fundraising and Spending Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The concept is to look at events that might take a while to fundraise for (e.g., a school sign) ○ There was a suggestion to tie events to specific fundraising goals (e.g., Movie Night proceeds will go towards a new screen) ○ There was also a suggestion to add an article to a future newsletter seeking input on capital purchases, with votes being done a pre-defined list ○ Technology (e.g., iPads) has always been popular. ○ Other items suggested included a new screen and sound system, and sports equipment ○ A survey should ask for priorities in various categories, not for specific items ○ Water Filling Station: no update yet on status

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2015

Action Items

Item	Lead	Due Date	Status
Grade 8 extension: confirm who will be circulated on a survey	Leasa Adams	Next Meeting	
School sign: get a non-binding quote for procurement	Leasa Adams	Next Meeting	
Projection screen: get quote	Leasa Adams	Next Meeting	

Decisions

Item	Due Date	Status
Hold having a spring dance and have a movie night instead		Approved
Parents Reaching Out grant application: subject/theme of application	Next Meeting	To be decided at March 2015 meeting