

# Leslieville Junior Public School



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| <b>Subject/Title:</b>       | <b>School Council Meeting Minutes</b>  |                  |           |
| <b>Date/Time:</b>           | September 16, 2015   | <b>Location:</b> | Gymnasium |
| <b>Meeting Participants</b> |  |                  |           |
| <b>Attendees</b>            | Christine Nero, Meredith Edgecombe, Lisa Wu, Lori Konert, Meg McInnis, Anthony Chen, Le Man Ha, Ana Melavagni, Rinaldo Angelicola, Lisa Ryder Cohen, Ari Cohen, Christine Anderson, Diana Quinn, David Rahenbrock, Nina Rahenbrock, Sia Chuong, Mary Kennedy, Jenn McGoey, Gwen Edamura, John Schenk, Nadine Silverthorne, Winston Ng, Alisa Wing, Kate Sanagan, Jay Thatcher, Ryan Shaw, Rebecca Brooke, Sumiko Oda Gillard, Sherri Hanley, Sarah McClure, Darren Goldstein, Shannon Spink, Robin Di Tosto, Kurt Uriarte, Ian Hastings, Meaghan Hastings, Leasa Adams |                  |           |
| <b>Minute-Taker</b>         | Jay Thatcher   |                  |           |

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| <b>Introduction</b> | <p>Kate Sanagan provided an overview of the history and previous structure of the School Council. Last year was more teamwork and collaborative based; School Council is open to discussion and suggestions regarding changes for future years. Some of the main activities include liaison with the school administration and communications. The current structure allows people to take on smaller amounts of work instead of work being offloaded to 1-2 people</p> <p>Last year's School Council introduced themselves and provided an overview of their positions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Sanagan - School Liaison: Work with Ward Council and Principal</li> <li>• Alisa Wing – Communications: Facebook, Twitter, web site, trying to maintain email list (a challenge with TDSB new rules)</li> <li>• Winston Ng – treasurer: He explained how the voting is done regarding proposed expenditures</li> <li>• Nadine Silverthorne – Eco Committee</li> <li>• Leasa Adams – Principal: communicate w council and explain and identify issues</li> <li>• Mary Kennedy – Teacher representative</li> <li>• Diana Quinn – Fundraising plus hot lunch program</li> <li>• Christine Anderson – Volunteer Coordinator for events such as movie nights and Fun Fair</li> <li>• Shannon Spink – Chair</li> <li>• Sherri Hanley – Special Education committee</li> </ul> |

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|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri Hanley – Safe and Caring Schools committee</li> <li>• Jay Thatcher - Secretary</li> </ul> <p>Missing during this item were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene Dunstan – School Council Chair for many years and last year was Events Lead.</li> <li>• Morag Paton – Special Education Lead last year</li> <li>• Tai So – everything to do with food</li> </ul> <p>Kate Sanagan provided an overview of Ward Council and PIAC, a TDSB council. Kate was the PIAC representative last year; it would be great to get someone else for this year.</p> <p>A round of parent introductions was done.</p> <p>Overview of successes in the last few years was provided, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Fairs have gone over very well. With our events we try to balance community work and fundraising for the school</li> <li>• We do 6-8 movie nights over the year, plus also other fundraisers</li> <li>• Silent Auction – possibly do it this year around valentines day</li> <li>• In previous years school dances (student and parent) have been held</li> <li>• An end of year garden cleanup is held</li> <li>• We do bake sales for school events such as concerts</li> <li>• Math Night was successful last year</li> <li>• Fundraising: School Council has, as an example, funded equipment for the music program, and has applied for grants (e.g., a music council grant of \$5K for new instruments)</li> </ul> <p>An overview of the room parent system was given.</p> <p>School Council was described as having lots of opportunities to attend and listen and observe.</p> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>          | <p>Winston Ng provided an overview of last year’s revenue and expenses and a 2014/15 financial summary. He provided an overview of each item in the financial statements in order to describe the activity and School Council’s role.</p> <p>The biggest fundraiser last year was the Fun Fair, followed by the Silent Auction and Movie Nights</p> <p>There were questions about the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundscrip program; it was recognized that not everyone in the school community is aware of this program</li> <li>• What the priorities are and how they are decided. It was suggested that activities be tied to a fundraising goal, and reference was made to discussions last year about having a survey of school community priorities.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Principal’s Report</b> | <p>Items in the Principal’s Report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment numbers are slightly up due to an increase in the number of JK students</li> <li>• Grade 5 class is in high 30s in the afternoon; Leasa is looking into options</li> <li>• The beginning of the school year has been smooth</li> <li>• A Welcome Back assembly was held, which featured an African drummer (every kid</li> </ul>  |

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|                            | <p>had a drum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball has started</li> <li>• Cross Country will start on Monday</li> <li>• Note that these two activities are for Grade 1 and up</li> <li>• 20 more iPads have been received via the Model Schools program</li> <li>• Room 307 has drainage issues; this is done through TDSB facilities</li> <li>• Teachers are on Work to Rule. Curriculum night will need to be postponed. Support staff are also on work to rule.</li> <li>• An update on the Grade 8 extension proposal was provided. Last year a survey was sent to the school community; parents were definitely interested. There will be a meeting will be next Thursday for the planning committee meeting to organize a larger school community meeting which will include TDSB planning, TDSB teaching and learning. Charlene Dunstan provided an update about the Grade 8 extension process, which includes a community consultation.</li> <li>• An update on the school sign will be ready for next meeting in October</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Teachers' Report</b>    | <p>It was confirmed that Sandra Spencer's request for funding for musical supplies was approved.</p>   |
| <b>Executive Positions</b> | <p>An overview of the positions on the School Council executive was provided, and attendees were asked to express their interest in any of the positions. A summary is as follows:</p> <p>Executive Chair: Shannon Spink expressed an interest. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>School Administration Lead: Kate Sanagan expressed an interest. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Events Lead: Charlene Dunstan is not returning. It was suggested that someone do fun fair and someone do silent auction. Sumiko Oda Gillard expressed an interest in leading the Silent Auction committee with Sherri Hanley.</p> <p>Communications Lead: Alisa Wing is not returning to this position. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Fundraising and Grants: Diana Quinn expressed an interest, and requested other volunteers for this portfolio. Sherri Hanley will help with writing grants. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Volunteers: Christine Anderson expressed an interest in this position. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Treasurer: Winston Ng expressed an interest in this position. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Secretary: Jay Thatcher expressed an interest in this position. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Ward Council: Alisa Wing expressed an interest in this position. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Special Education: It was suggested that a note goes to parents of special education students. Sherri Hanley expressed an interest in this position if required. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>Eco Schools: Nadine Silverthorne is not returning to this position, but can volunteer as needed. No one else expressed interest.</p> <p>There was a question and subsequent discussion about the School Council decision making process, and if decisions should be made by only the elected executive or the current method of allowing all meeting attendees to vote. Reference was made to other School Councils wherein parents showing up at a meeting can stack the deck on one</p> |

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|                    | particular item that they want to see go through. There was a question of if we want to more closely follow the TDSB guidelines of how we should be operating. While Leslieville School Council hasn't had issues with secret votes or voting blocs, there was recognition that if School Council reaches a critical size governance will likely need to be done differently. |
| <b>Other Items</b> | <p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a suggestion to have a Kindergarten representative. Robin Di Tosto volunteered for this role.</li> </ul>  |

#### Action Items

| Item                                   | Lead        | Due Date        | Status |
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| School Sign: update on status and cost | Leasa Adams | October meeting |        |

#### Decisions

| Item  | Decision   |
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| School Council Executive positions                            | Elect executive positions at the October 2015 meeting. |
| Governance: who is allowed to vote at School Council meetings | Review and discuss at the December 2015 meeting.       |