

# Leslieville Junior Public School



<b>Subject/Title:</b>	<b>School Council Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>Date/Time:</b>	October 21, 2015	<b>Location:</b>	Library
<b>Meeting Participants</b>			
<b>Attendees</b>	Christine Nero, Lori Konert, Meg McInnis, Christine Anderson, Diana Quinn, David Mary Kennedy, Jenn McGoey, Alisa Wing, Kate Sanagan, Jay Thatcher, Rebecca Brooke, Sumiko Oda Gillard, Sherri Hanley, Shannon Spink, Leasa Adams, Gavin McDonald, Julie Malbogot, Lauren Miler, Meredith Edgcombe, Alisa Wing, Darren Ball, Charlene Dunstan, Morag Paton		
<b>Minute-Taker</b>	Jay Thatcher		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Agenda and Minutes</b>	The minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting were approved.
<b>School Council representatives</b>	<p>Kate Sanagan provided an overview of the School Council positions and the current School Council executive structure, which was approved in June 2015 for the current school year.</p> <p>Representatives were nominated and elected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Chair: Shannon Spink</li> <li>• School Liaison Lead: Kate Sanagan</li> <li>• Events Lead – Silent Auction: Sumiko Oda Gillard</li> <li>• Events Lead – Fun Fair: TBD</li> <li>• Communications: Sumiko Oda Gillard and Julie Malbogot</li> <li>• Fundraising Lead: Diana Quinn</li> <li>• Volunteer Lead: Christine Anderson</li> <li>• Secretary: Jay Thatcher</li> <li>• Treasurer: Winston Ng</li> <li>• Ward Council: Jenn McGoey</li> <li>• Special Education Lead: Rebecca Brooke and Lauren Miller</li> <li>• Eco Schools: Meg McInnes</li> <li>• Kindergarten Representative: Robin di Tosto</li> </ul>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	Items in the Principal's Report included the following:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities: Room 307 continues to have leaks from the roof; a new roof is coming and has been expedited</li> <li>• School Sign costs: The cost is \$8,560 for the sign and municipal permits. Installation is provided for free by TDSB. A decision on proceeding with purchase and installation was deferred as some future school council events are affected by the labour situation, and School Council should have processes for approval large expenditures. It was noted that the sign was going to come from School Council surplus funds.</li> <li>• Movie nights will continue</li> <li>• Grade 5 has a new 0.5 due to class sizes.</li> <li>• Enrolment is up by 20 students and mostly in the junior division. The school-wide enrolment is 350.</li> <li>• Teachers continue to do after school activities, including badminton, volleyball, choir and the ukulele club.</li> <li>• Curriculum and activities: over the last few weeks in the lead-up to the federal election, students have done a junior vote</li> <li>• The Grade 6 ambassador program has started. Hats were sold and decorated for Syrian refugees. There was discussion about the messaging to families about needing to donate in order to get a hat</li> <li>• Model School program: Leslieville remains part of the Model School program and is the only one in the neighbourhood remaining in the program. Activities under this program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access to a pediatric medical clinic</li> <li>○ Vision screening on November 23 for Grade 5</li> <li>○ 20 iPads received last year and 20 will be provided this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Communications. Normally a staff person does the newsletters, but Leasa is doing this now due to the labour situation. The October newsletter will be sent via email. It was suggested that the School Council Facebook page will have an update to explain why communications have changed at this time. The newsletter will be on the front page of the school site</li> <li>• Leasa has costs info on a sound system and projection screen. An ask was made for someone who could review the equipment and cost. Speakers are \$899 without a mic or wires. A screen is \$600 or \$2,000 for one with a remote control.</li> <li>• There was a question of when we can help Leasa as a school council by lobbying on items such as the roof. Sherri has offered to write a letter to Mike Gallagher. This will be discussed at Ward Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade 8 Extension</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene Dunstan and Morag Paton provided an update on the Grade 8 extension project.</li> <li>• More than a year ago we started the discussion on extending to grade 8 and related process</li> <li>• Charlene gave the overview of the process about accommodation and facilities</li> <li>• A survey was done of parents last year to get level of interest.</li> <li>• Numbers are known on space implications. French would be done by a cart and not have its own classroom. Numbers showed it was feasible.</li> <li>• A meeting with parent representatives, the superintendent and TDSB facilities and planning staff was held last month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Winter 2015 projections were wrong based on current enrolment.</li> <li>○ With the Grade 8 extension, Leslieville will be at 98% capacity in five years.</li> <li>○ Extending to Grade 8 brings no additional funding or new facilities.</li> <li>○ Parent representatives didn't want to displace Special Education or Childcare services from the school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If there are any capacity issues, TDSB first looks at catchment boundary changes; TDSB doesn't see growth slowing down in this area, and growth will continue with new condos being built in the area.</li> <li>○ There was concern was that going to Grade 8, with the new projections, would change the Leslieville community feel due to crowding</li> <li>• It was noted that a student's school for Grade 7 depends on their address</li> <li>• The committee (with parent representatives, trustee Mike Gallagher, and TDSB planning and facilities staff) recommendation is that the Grade 8 extension does not proceed.</li> <li>• This recommendation will be given to a planning committee, then to broader board.</li> <li>• A letter is forthcoming to the Leslieville school community</li> <li>• The recommendation not to proceed with pursuing the extension to Grade 8 can be revisited at another time</li> </ul>
<b>Teachers' Report</b>	<p>Items in the Teachers' Report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A grant for classroom champions was approved. The mentor is Ryan Cochrane, a Pan Am athlete. He sends videos to students about character attributes. Students send lessons back to Ryan Cochrane such as comic strips about school rules.</li> </ul>
<b>School Administration Lead items</b>	<p>Conferences and events were discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People for Education has a conference on November 7 that includes parent councils from across Ontario. School Council has paid the \$60 fee in the past. It was agreed that this continue and that there be no limit on the number of attendees paid for by School Council.</li> <li>• There is a TDSB PIAC conference on November 14 in North York.</li> <li>• The Parents Reaching Out Grant application was approved. The amount to be funded is \$1,000. It was noted that the proposal items need to be followed; the proposal for this year is to have a parent convention which will include items on the health curriculum, mental health strategies, and Special Education workshops. There will be childcare and translation and refreshments. School Council needs to pick a date and it should be in early 2016</li> </ul>
<b>School Council goals and priorities</b>	<p>Discussion in this item was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested to have a parent council and staff committee to identify priorities and what should we be advocating for to get resources that we need</li> <li>• In previous years staff were asked for priorities for School Council purchases, which was linked with the School Improvement Plan</li> <li>• There was a suggestion to do another survey of the school community for priorities</li> <li>• Sherri, Lauren and Jay volunteered to discuss this further with Leasa and report back at the next meeting</li> <li>• It was noted that our school statement of needs it to be updated</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>The following financial items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New procedures are in place for eligible school council expenses</li> <li>• One issue is childcare; a TDSB-approved list of babysitters must be used for School Council meetings</li> <li>• School Council is not allowed to pay for retirement gifts or anything related to staff</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our concerns with this TDSB directive will be discussed at a future Ward Council meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>One item was discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are concerns about the number of cases of head lice. Leasa will look at the cost of in-school inspection services</li> </ul>

#### Action Items

Item	Lead	Due Date	Status

#### Decisions

Item	Decision
School Council Executive positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All positions with exception of the Fun Fair Event Lead were nominated and elected</li> <li>The Kindergarten position is not part of the executive</li> </ul>
School Sign purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of the School Sign was deferred until the labour situation was resolved</li> </ul>
Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council will pay the \$60 fee for the People for Education conference on November 7. There will be no limit on the number of attendees paid for by School Council. Attendees are to pay in advance and be reimbursed by School Council.</li> </ul>

#### Future Agenda Items

Item	When
Governance: process for approving large expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2015 meeting</li> </ul>
School Council priorities: update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2015 meeting</li> </ul>
School Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>