

Leslieville Junior Public School



Subject/Title:	School Council Meeting Minutes		
Date/Time:	November 19, 2015	Location:	Library
Meeting Participants			
Attendees	Charlene Dunstan, Alisa Wing, Maxeen Paabo, Lisa Wu, Sarah McClure, Allison Keers Neilson, Sherri Hanley, Shannon Spink, Rebecca Brooke, Lauren Miller, Meg McInnis, Christine Nero, Winston Ng, Gavin McDonald, Jenn McGoey, Lori Konert, Julie Malbogot, Mary Kennedy, Leasa Adams		
Minute-Taker	Jay Thatcher		

Item	Notes
Agenda and Minutes	The minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting were approved.
Principal's Report	<p>Items presented in the Principal's Report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Work to Rule campaign is over • Report Cards will be sent home on December 10 • Extracurricular activities, including field trips, have resumed • Junior Choir will be part of the local community tree lighting and food drive on November 19 • A pilot project with the Toronto Police started, with a goal of expanding and building community outreach. This involves six kids who did a cook-off with Roden PS • Classroom Champions program: Mr. Ball's class had a Skype session with the school's assigned athlete, PanAm swimmer Ryan Cochrane. • Health Screening: Dental screening is this week, next week is vision screening for Grade 5, and Nov. 30 is a school-wide lice check; notification is sent to parents only if problems are found • Facilities: the roof replacement project will start the week of November 23 and will go through most of December. As a result: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The TDSB Health and Safety team will be on-site to inspect the project ○ Fans will be used to blow dust out of the school ○ Work will need to occur during school hours, but efforts will be made to do as much work as possible outside of school hours ○ The Christmas Concert will be postponed to January, as the TDSB facilities team has requested that events not be held during the construction period. Note that an African Drummer will be returning and can be part of the concert.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Caring Schools Committee: a parent volunteer is required; meetings will occur during school hours. Meg McInnes volunteered. • An interim director of the TDSB will be selected shortly <p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction: February 5th is the tentative day for the Silent Auction. Volunteers are needed for donations. Leasa to add to newsletter. Need to connect with Christine re volunteers. Charlene provided suggestions on the process to ask for donations. Julie to add to FB site and to send to Leasa • Sound system: it could be used for movie night and concerts; the cost is approximately \$1,200 for a complete system
<p>School Administration Lead</p>	<p>Items discussed included the following:</p> <p>People for Education Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a conference organized by People for Education; three parents from Leslieville attended • There was discussion – not binding – of what should be included in report cards • Some discussion not binding just theoretic on what to have in report cards • Information was shared with various resources related to equity and bullying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copa (infocopa.com) is a free multimedia DVD that has short ○ Safe at School toolkit: kits could be made available for parents, and could be made available in classrooms. • There was a panel discussion on bullying and equity and inclusion • There was a special education speaker, Irwin Elman, who is an advocate for children and youth. • A campaign ‘I Have Something to Say’ is being launched • A new organization, Parents Engaged in Education, will be producing information for School Councils • There is an event aimed at School Councils on November 30 at UofT Scarborough <p>Other Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A date is needed for the event funded by the Parents Reaching Out grant; this is the Leslieville Parent Convention themed-event. April was suggested; Leasa will check for any conflicting dates in April • TDSB Parent Portal. At the recent PIAC meeting, TDSB announced that a Parent Portal will be rolled out in the next 18 months, and will include access to report cards and will allow updates to personal information
<p>Teachers’ Report</p>	<p>Items discussed included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Stacking: Mr. Ball reports that Leslieville set a world record for children’s speed stacking • Mr. Ball has a commercial popcorn machine. Students in his class gift popcorn to other classes • Classroom champions. A web chat was held today with the PanAm athlete; the discussion was about honest • A fundraiser will be held for Syrian refugees; used clothes will be requested
<p>Communications Lead Report</p>	<p>Items discussed included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room Helper: a letter to parents is being sent this week asking for a lead parent(s)

	<p>for liaison/communications purposes with other parents in that classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council naming: the Facebook site will be named Leslieville School Council (not Parent Council) to be consistent with other sites and communication
Fundraising Lead Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the \$251 raised for the QSP magazine program only represents cash and cheque payments. Funds raised by credit card payments will be confirmed later.
Ward Council Lead Report	<p>Items discussed included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Caring schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A TDSB representative provided an overview of this program; the presentation materials are available • There was a second focus on safe caring and schools; a TDSB rep gave an outline of the program. Jenn can send slides • There was a second presentation on restorative practices to deal with conflicts. This is done at Leslieville • There was a suggestion at a future workshop to talk to school council and parent community to make the school more inclusive; Leasa suggested that this be part of the parent engagement meeting • Gifted school bounds have changed for high school. It is now birchmount (was Northern)
Special Education Lead Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that there be a Special Education presenter at the Parents Reaching Out event. • Leasa suggested that there also be questions and answers about what an IEP is • It was suggested to have a list of resources on the school council site • It was noted that 40 students at Leslieville are in the Special Education program; many of these are from outside the Leslieville catchment area • There is a TDSB IEB Facebook group
Eco Schools Report	<p>There were no updates required for this portfolio</p>
Kindergarten Lead Report	<p>An email to JK parents was sent today asking for their questions. A FAQ letter also went home today</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Items presented included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a session last month re.: spending and what we can use our funds for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Councils can't replace what the school pays for but we can supplement the curriculum ○ It was emphasized that we shouldn't be paying for gifts for teachers or staff ○ Childcare at School Council meetings is supposed to be done TDSB ○ School Council can purchase technology items for schools, but must go through board vendors ○ It was noted that we send a report every year to TDSB on our revenue and expenditures • Finances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QSP numbers are coming. Only \$251 cash received, but credit card purchases haven't been counted yet ○ We get about 3k a year profit/surplus ○ Model Schools funding is 13k per year and for items and services such as

	<p>technology and arts programming and releasing teacher for professional development. Last year we bought STEM kits and 10 iPads bought. \$5,000 was spend for teacher release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Model Schools funding has been received for approximately 5 years ○ We get a model schools coach. ○ We anticipate 7k surplus at end of this year
School and School Council Priorities	<p>Discussion on School and School Council Priorities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the actions to date was provided, which included a meeting with Leasa • There was suggestion of identifying items to fundraise for, wherein fundraising from a specific event would be earmarked for a specific future purchase; the example was used of setting aside movie night proceeds for a new sound system. • At the next staff meeting there will be a discussion of this item • A survey of the school community will form part of the priority setting • A motion was passed to set aside funds for the following items, on advice of the treasurer: short term – sound system; long term – school sign. These will be subject to input from the school community, such as by a survey of priorities. • It was suggested that communications be made of what programs School Council supports
Governance: Spending Approval Process	There was not sufficient time to discuss this item.
Other Items	<p>Fun Fair: Jenn McGoey volunteered to lead Staff Holiday Potluck: Sherri to lead</p>

Action Items

Item	Lead	Due Date	Status
Parents Reaching Out event: confirm date for April	Leasa Adams	Next Meeting	

Decisions

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Priority Spending Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to Treasurer guidance and input from the school community, fundraising from specific events be set aside for the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short term: new sound system ○ Long term: school sign

Future Agenda Items

Item	When
School Council priorities: update	• December 2015 meeting
School Council executive model – discussion	• December 2015 meeting