

# Leslieville School Council

## Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016



Item	Notes
<b>Minutes and Agenda</b>	The Agenda was approved.  The Minutes from the September 20, 2016, meeting were approved.
<b>Action Items</b>	The following Action Items from the September 2016 Parent Council meeting were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Sign: the sign has been ordered, and should be installed within six weeks</li><li>• Snack Program:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The balance at the end of 2015/16 was \$5,800</li><li>○ The \$1,500 donation from Parent Council is not needed, as donations have been higher than anticipated, as have revenues from grants and pizza lunches</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	The following items were presented in the Principal's Report:  <b>School Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross-Country: Five students have progressed to the next round</li><li>• House League sports are expanded this year; Grade 1-2 students are doing dodgeball and upper grades are doing volleyball</li><li>• The Cartooning and Eco clubs have started</li><li>• Mental Health: Each class will use the Minds Up which was purchased a few years ago. One staff member has been leading a mindfulness activity before each staff meeting.</li></ul> <b>TDSB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The School Improvement Plan, required by the TDSB, has a different process this year. This year's process requires goals for equity; at Leslieville:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Special Education students are integrated into a regular class for at least part of the day.</li><li>○ Students are encouraged to take part in at least two extra-curricular activities</li></ul></li></ul> <b>Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leslieville PS has a partnership with Division 55 of the Toronto Police Service. Programs include a 'Chopped 55' cooking competition and a 'Double Nickel Ninja Warrior' fitness training program for Grade 6 students; one group will be selected to do an obstacle course with other schools.</li></ul> <b>School Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school's achievement goals for JK to Grade 2 is reading, and the Grade 3 to 6</li></ul>

	<p>focus is on math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the classroom re-organization there is a new Grade 4 classroom: Mr. Nickolau does the morning and Mr. Bigione does the afternoon; Ms. Adams has more Grade 3 students than before, and most of her Grade 4 students were moved to create a new Grade 4-only class. There are few split classes than last year.</li> <li>• Report Cards will be sent on November 15; interviews will be on the evening of Nov. 16 and the day of November 18</li> <li>• December 18 is the date of the Winter Carnival</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Engagement/Equity</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p> <p><b>TDSB Equity initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recent TDSB event on equity presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TDSB equity guidelines from TDSB and how to create equitable learning environments for all</li> <li>○ Various factors that affect equity were discussed, including school facility conditions, student wellbeing, all gender bathrooms, and hiring practices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Parent Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that a Family Social event be held before the holidays</li> <li>• After discussion, it was agreed to have this event in January or February</li> </ul>
<b>Survey</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview was provided of the survey goals, high-level subjects, and specific questions to be asked</li> <li>• Parent Council attendees will be sent the draft survey, with the goal of sending the survey to the School Community in early November.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music and artistic presentation expenses are estimated at \$5,000; a final list is not ready yet. School Council has allocated funds for this for 2016/17, and Leslieville PS will cover the remainder</li> <li>• Parent Council has an estimated surplus of \$4,976 for 2016/17; this is without any future profit over the course of the year from events such as Fun Fair</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Acorn custom card fundraiser will start next week. Templates be handed out to teachers next week, and students will create their own custom cards that can be printed in bulk</li> <li>• QSP magazines: A QSP employee and Leslieville PS parent confirmed that the QSP magazine program will start in December. QSP also has graphic paper and chocolate that can be ordered. Approximately 40% of the proceeds from QSP programs are returned to the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Ward Council</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no Ward Council meeting yet; the first meeting will be on October 26</li> </ul>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	<p>Discussion related to this item included the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mint-condition bicycle has been donated to the school, and can be included in the Silent Auction</li> <li>• For the Silent Auction to be successful, Task Teams need to be established. Silent Auction is viable and profitable.</li> <li>• A core team of 5-8 volunteers is needed for the event to be viable</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<b>Lunch program:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 kids enrolled now. 50 kids are needed, but we need a reduced number because the school has daycare with real food</li> </ul>

### Action Items

Number	Item	Description
1	Parent Council Storage Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alisa to organize a clean-up of this room</li> </ul>
2	Screen for Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leasa will call companies re the cost of a new screen</li> </ul>
3	Silent Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request for volunteers will be posted to the Parent Council Facebook site</li> </ul>

### Decisions

Number	Item	Decision
1	Parent Engagement: Winter Social Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Winter Social event will be held in January/February 2017</li> </ul>
2	Silent Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be held in February, contingent on having the required amount of volunteers</li> </ul>

### Future Agenda Items

Number	Date	Item
1	November 2016 meeting	Proposed agenda items include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brock University Trip</li> <li>• Survey update</li> <li>• Silent Auction</li> </ul>

### Future Meeting Schedule

November December January February March	Unless communicated otherwise, all meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Leslieville PS Staff Room.
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April	
May	
June	