

Leslieville School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017



Item	Notes
Minutes and Agenda	The Agenda was approved. The Minutes from the December 20, 2016, meeting are pending.
Principal's Report	The following items were presented in the Principal's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks for Sherri for organizing the staff potluck• Leslieville is at the top of list for new windows• Staffing: Ms Woods will be team teaching in the afternoon• The Peace by Peace Group will be working with Grade 5s• Last week a shipment was received from Brands of Canada. Toiletries, etc., were collected for families in need, and the Grade 6 ambassadors helped with packing• A Greening Educator is at the school every second Tuesday. She connects gardening and food to the curriculum; she brought worms with her last visit• For the Canada 150 event, the theme will be education 150 years ago and education now. This event will take place in early May• School improvement plans: The kindergarten students are linking early reading with language. In January the school received another coach to support other teachers re math, STEM and technology• The New Hope Shelter is opening on Leslie St., and would like to connect with the surrounding community and attend their meetings or we could attend one of their meetings. Leasa to invite them to our next meeting• Dates for events are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Feb. 1 is winter walk to school day w mug for hot chocolate. Volunteers needed.○ Feb. 3 is Lunar New Year potluck.○ Feb. 14 is when report cards are sent; meetings with teachers are available on the evening on Feb. 15 and the day of Feb. 22.○ Need a date for the scientist in the school using PRO. Suggest having in April 12 or 6 and will confirm after discussion with staff; Grade 6 students will do the posters for this event.○ Feb. 22 is Kindergarten registration from 4:00 to 7:00pm• A grant from the Ontario Arts Council was received• Mocha Monday went well
Teachers' Report	The following items were presented in the Teachers' Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pots are needed for the Lunar New Year potluck. Council to buy containers.• Pizza lunches are being done by staff now.• Folk dancing is starting this week

Survey	<p>The following items were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey is ready to go and has been sent to the TDSB for translation • When translated, English versions will be online and printed, and Mandarin (TBD) will be printed
Storage Room	<p>The following items were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has not been cleaned yet
Winter Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Family Social Event will be held on February 24
Silent Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 12 volunteers now • The event will proceed • It will likely be held in late March or early April
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acorn and QSP are done • \$875 profit with QSP • Edible Seeds will be held in late February
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO grant is due in the spring.
Ward Council	<p>Ward Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December meeting was on street safety and walking to school safely. Identified process to request a crossing guard • The next Ward Council is Jan. 26 and the topic is on French immersion. <p>PIAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for parents to be involved in VP interviews
Fun Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions have started on which inflatables to rent • The event will be held on June 2
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a \$260 profit from the winter concert • We should have a surplus of approximately \$7,000 this year. Note that it is still to be determined if Leslieville will be a Model School next year. There is approximately \$13,000 in activities funded by the Model School program. We should find out in March if we are a Model School next year.
Brock University Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are now approximately 100 Grade 5-6 kids • In previous years 30% of students couldn't afford the trip (cost of \$300/student) • In previous years School Council donated \$2,000 for the trip • Council is not going to be providing funding for the Brock trip this year • It was suggested that the \$2,000 previous spent on the Brock trip be used for buses for school trips

Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees were encouraged to write the local City councillor regarding the potential cut of the SH Armstrong pool funding at Duke of Connaught PS The 'At Home' program offered by Toronto Public Health should be offered at Leslieville. Leasa would like to have one iPad per kid; some classrooms have 10 iPads in grades JK/SK to 3. Other classrooms have 5 iPads per class.
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Action Items

Number	Item	Description
1	New Hope Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leasa to invite a representative from the New Hope Shelter to a future School Council meeting
2	At Home program from Toronto Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate to contact Public Health about offering this course at Leslieville
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Decisions

Number	Item	Decision
1	Potlucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to purchase storage containers for food
2	Winter Family Social event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be held on February 24
3	Silent Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event will proceed and will be held in late March or early April
4	Brock Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council will not fund the \$2,000 that was donated to support the Brock trip in previous years

Future Agenda Items

Number	Date	Item
1	February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRO grant: theme/topic for application
2	February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brock University trip: discussion on using the \$2,000 allocated to the Brock trip in previous years, and using this for transportation for other class trips in the future

Future Meeting Schedule

February March April May June	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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