

Leslieville School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017



Item	Notes
Agenda	The Agenda was approved.
Principal's Report	<p>The following items were presented in the Principal's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The fire alarm was replaced over the summer; a drill is pending○ The sign has been delivered to the TDSB but not yet installed; follow-up with the Superintendent and Facilities would help• Activities and Events:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ September 15 was the first Inclusion Day, with a focus on the intensive support students who are bused to the school; emphasis is being given to include these students in regular school activities and events○ Curriculum Night is October 4 from 6:00 to 7:00pm; it will follow the picnic format as was done last year○ The Mono Cliffs trip for Gr. 6 students is September 25-27○ September 29 at 1:00pm is the Terry Fox Walk○ Each student is required to participate in two extracurricular activities; the next newsletter will have a list of activities. Note that teachers organization of extracurricular activities is done on a volunteer basis○ Current activities include: volleyball, soccer, football, and cross-country running (160 enrolled)○ Gifted testing of Gr. 3 students will occur in the first week of October○ September 29 is Orange Day regarding residential schools○ Leslieville is going to apply for the Platinum level of Eco-School designation• Staffing and Classrooms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No classroom reorganization is needed this year○ We are down 23 students from the TDSB projection from Spring 2017
School Council positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A survey of Leslieville PS parents in Spring 2017 found priorities in fundraising, communication, and advocacy; the survey was meant to help inform Council activities and funding• An overview of the positions on School Council was provided:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The TDSB requires three elected positions be determined by the end of September: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary○ Leslieville has a number of additional portfolio Lead roles such as Fun Fair and Communications; these can have co-leads• Attendees were asked to self-nominate for positions• Portfolios from 2016-17 that were not filled are: PIAC, Special Education

Budget / Finances	<p>Financial and Budget Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the line items in the 2016-17 financial statements was provided; this outlined the revenue and expenses, and bank balance at the end of the 2016-17 school year • A list of suggested activities and related expenses for 2017-18 was provided, which was based on Council funding decisions in previous years • Revenue for 2017-18 is anticipated to be lower than in previous years for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certain fundraising activities such as the Raffle (coincident with Fun Fair), Acorn Cards and QSP Magazines will not occur this year ○ The Silent Auction is planned to be held off-site this year, which will result in expenses for facility rental <p>Model School Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslieville PS will not be receiving Model School funding this year (approximately \$16K) • In previous years Model School funding was used for technology equipment (e.g., iPads), arts and music performers in the school, and releasing teachers for training/instructional sessions (e.g., funding substitute teachers), the eco-based gardener program • Council may be asked to offset some of this funding loss in 2017-18. • Examples of items that Model School funding that Council has been asked to fund in 2017-18 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,000 for TTC fares for staff (for class trips and club/team travel) <p>2017-18 Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion at the June 2017 meeting identified suggestions for the following funding activities in 2017-18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$300 for Chromebooks ○ workshops on cyber security, babysitting, and being home alone • Discussion and approval of the budget will occur at the October 2017 meeting
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Actions

School Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alisa to send letter to Superintendent and Facilities
Funding activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay to send Council attendees the list of TDSB-approved funding activities that Councils are allowed to do (as provided in the survey from Spring 2017)
Communications: room parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to ask staff which classrooms would like a Room Parent to help in communications to parents

Decisions

School Council positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following positions were filled by acclamation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair: Julie Malbogot ○ Treasurer: Winston Ng ○ Secretary: Jay Thatcher ○ Communications: Amy Lazar Kleiman, Mike Kerr, Melanie
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	<p>Freedman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grants: Allison Keers, Sarah McClure ○ Ward Council: Jenn McGoey ○ Safe and Caring Schools: Meg McInnis, Gabrielle Laurence ○ Volunteers: Christine Anderson ○ Eco Schools: Meg McInnis, Alex Mathias ○ Fun Fair: Stacey McDowell ○ Silent Auction: Lauren Miller
2017-18 School Council budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on budget to be made at the October 2017 meeting

Future Meeting Schedule

<p>October 17, 2017 November 21, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 16, 2018 February 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 April 17, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 19, 2018</p>	<p>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.</p>
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