

Leslieville School Council

Meeting Minutes

December 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">• Presentations: Tracy Schmitt, via the Rick Hansen Foundation, spoke to students about inclusion• Facilities: classroom windows are scheduled for replacement one classroom at a time beginning at the end of December. A new boiler is scheduled for installation as well.• A Read-Up Program is operating; this is an intensive reading program that runs every Wednesday after school. It is a drop-in program with parents invited• A Chess Club is starting and will be organized by a third party at a cost of \$13/student. This program runs longer than most programs, has no limit on numbers, and covers Grades 1-6. This has also been identified as a potential activity by the Grade 6 ambassadors
Chair's Report	<p>School Statement of Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council is delayed in submitting its School Statement of Needs; this document identifies the Council's priorities in a Principal should the situation arise where a new principal is required• Julie will circulate last years School Statement of Needs for feedback. Last year's report included goals of a future principal having experience with ESL, primary and junior schools, special education; as well, a common sense approach towards working with the TDSB and Ministry, and experience with staff involvement• Equity will be added to this year's report• This is due to the TDSB in January <p>Longer Term Fundraising Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was a general discussion on potential longer term fundraising goals to help identify potential future fundraising goals by Council. Items identified and discussed included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A playground is very expensive○ The 2017 survey identified communication, and enrichment such as field trips, as priorities○ A larger screen for the gym stage would cost in the low thousands○ Solar blinds cost approximately \$1k per classroom; the TDSB has only funded the first floor; blinds would be \$8k for the third floor○ For the Library, a modernization of the collection (including themes such as gender and indigenous) would be helpful

Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family dance will be held in February • The Ward Council meeting in January is about equity and school councils. There will also be a presentation on EQAO and a related literacy test; a consultation period is underway. There will also be a School Council 101 workshop. • Grants: there is an Indigo-sponsored Need for Reading grant program; Alex to look after this application • The most recent Movie Night had a \$150 profit
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Actions

Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa: for the December meeting, provide a list of technology (e.g., Chromebooks) that can be purchased via the TDSB
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie to contact the Council leads for each budget item to advise on their budget and get spending plans for each item
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leasa to get Michelle to help with translation regarding posting Chinese text to the Council Facebook page
Parent Engagement: Bike Rodeo event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leasa to organize a Toronto Police person to come as part of a broader bike rodeo event during Bike Week
School Statement of Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie to send the 2017 document for Council feedback

Decisions

Chess Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to support the \$13/student cost of running this program
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Future Agenda Items

Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leasa to provide a demo of how technology is used in the classrooms at the January 2018 meeting
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Future Meeting Schedule

January 16, 2018 February 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 April 17, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 19, 2018	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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