

Leslieville School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018



Item	Notes
Agenda and Minutes	The Agenda and Minutes were approved.
Principal's Report	<p>The following items were presented in the Principal's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Due to increased enrolment (55 JK students vs. 45 predicted), a new kindergarten class of 15 students has been created. Ms Horner is the new teacher. Note that the TDSB has a cap of 29 students per JK class○ Ms. Adams has returned as the interim principal• Facilities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The AC work in the gym is still in progress and is anticipated to be completed by the spring○ Work on a new boiler will begin in mid-October○ Last spring there were several facilities improvements, including new windows and a new wifi network• Health curriculum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A new health curriculum (to replace the 2015 one) from the TDSB has not yet been received○ At this moment, the new curriculum is not anticipated to be very different from the 2015 one. An anticipated removal is teacher prompts.○ Social justice and human rights will likely remain• Activities and events:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A letter will be sent home next week re.: permission to use digital learning sites such as Google Classrooms; teachers use a variety of digital learning environments○ A pizza lunch is on September 28; volunteers are welcome○ Cross Country running (Gr. 1-6) is on October 3 at Ashbridges Bay. Council will sponsor a bus for the younger grades○ October 4 is Curriculum Night○ A PA Day is on October 5
Teacher Report	There were no updates from staff, and appreciation for funding the borrow-a-book program was noted.
School Council obligations, acts, bylaws, and our approach	<p>Items discussed included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Councils are governed by provincial legislation and TDSB policies• A higher-level function of School Councils is to enhance accountability of the school system• Fundraising is a School Council activity, along with roles such as accountability and

	<p>advisory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslieville School Council developed a School Statement of Needs to identify important skills and experiences when the TDSB needs to recruit a new principal for the school • There are guidelines that govern School Council, including the requirement to have School Council elections in the first 30 calendar days of the school year • School Councils cannot raise funds for school facilities • Leslieville School Council has generally raised funds for school-wide activities and supplies/equipment. Examples include chromebooks for all classrooms, the scientist in the school program, and transportation for events. An example of a larger Council expenditure was a school sign to help with communicating school and Council events • Leslieville School Council operates a number of sub-committees • Anyone can vote at Leslieville School Council; simply appear at a monthly meeting • A review and update of the Council bylaws will be circulated before the October 2018 meeting • Two years ago a survey of priorities was conducted; priorities included communications, advocacy, and fundraising.
Annual Activities	<p>An overview of the breadth of School Council activities was provided, which described the event and the role of Council volunteers in events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two fundraising events (date and format TBD) are planned, each having a fundraising goal of a \$5K profit • Three movie nights are planned for the year • The bike rodeo could engage Toronto Police staff • Fun Fair planning begins in January by confirming vendors and volunteers. It was noted that some key staff have retired who were instrumental in Fun Fair planning <p>Ongoing School Council activities were summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meetings are held monthly and will be held on the third Tuesday of each month • Communications has a twitter, facebook and web site to help parents know what is going on at School and at School Council • Ward Council is a monthly forum, open to anyone, that is organized by the area Trustee. Report-backs are provided to Council • The Engagement and Liaison committee organizes events and can be approached if people have questions or comments about equity • Translation occurs for some Council events
Elections	<p>The TDSB requires that three positions (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are required.</p>

Decisions

2018-19 Meeting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month (6:00 to 8:00pm in the staff room on the second floor)
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following candidates were self-nominated and acclaimed for the 2018-19 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Chair: Amy Lazar and Julie Malgobat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer: Winston Ng ○ Secretary: Nisha Haji and Meg McInnis
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will fund a bus for the younger grades for the October 3 Ashbridges Bay cross-country running event

Actions

Health Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate to parents about short-term events related to protests about the new health curriculum. Contact Kate Sanagan or Jen Newcombe for details
School Statement of Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send the School Statement of Needs to September Council attendees

Future Agenda Items

<p>October 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw review: the revision of the bylaws will be presented • Translation: discussion on which Council events will be translated • Funding: discuss if the borrow-a-book funding can be used for other classroom supplies

Future Meeting Schedule

2018-19	<p>The 2018-19 meeting schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 16 • November 20 • December 18 • January 15 • February 19 • March 19 • April 16 • May 21 • June 18
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