

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF
SIR WILLIAM OSLER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HELD AT 330 GOVERNOR'S ROAD,
DUNDAS, ONTARIO

November 16, 2016

Council Members Present: Phil Moruzi, Dara Coulter, Mathew Gibson, Jane Nash, Sajah Stiller, Katherine Spencer, Harold Hoff, Yvonne Johnson, Heather Phillips, Nadine Sayliss, Martha Aimola, Sarah Van Geffen, Jetta Turkstra , Mieke Ewen

Parents/Teachers Present: Lisa Neale, Mark Verbeek, Stephanie Bass, Nicole Lebon, Corinne Wallace, Chan Moruzi, Amanda Ljucovic, Michele Greenway, Zoe Green, Kathy Borer, Sudeepa Sarkar, Steve Terhljan, Merle McDonald, Erik Quist, Steve Way, Flavia Kessler Borges, Oksana Hlyva, Meena Ranganathan, Ravi Selvaganapathy

Regrets: Catherine Roberts and Isabella Piatek

Absent:

1. Call to Order

Phil Moruzi chaired the meeting. A quorum was present with 14 of 16 members present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Review of minutes of last meeting.

No amendments necessary
Motion to approve – PASSED

3. Spending Goals:

Ms. Neale presented the wish list from the staff:

- Hydration Station (from Student Health Action Team)
- Data Video Projectors for classrooms
- Books for Learning Commons
- Primary Furniture for Learning Commons

Other goals from the floor:

- Playground - Mr. Verbeek presented some considerations for the Kindergarten Pen, including grow boxes and sand boxes. The school will be working with HWDSB

carpenters/facilities to see what these could look like. The teachers have also provided some suggestions to improve the pen.

- Athletic Jerseys – The current jerseys used by the athletic teams are getting old and many are far too big for the younger students. The Treasurer had quotes for bibs and varsity tops from Mason Athletics to share with the council. However, Ms. Neale stated she already has the quotes and that the school will be purchasing the jerseys using funds from the Eagles' Roost.

Total - \$1094.39 (breakdown = \$369.50 for Varsity Jerseys, \$724.89 for sleeveless T-shirt).

- Phase 2 of the Playground Project – Although no exact figures were presented, Mr. Verbeek stated that the cost of the next phase of the playground was not feasible so it was not being considered at this time. Phase I is almost complete and came in significantly ahead of budget.
- Workbooks for Classrooms – Ms. Neale stated that the online copy and the teacher resource will be used and hardcopy workbooks for individual students will not be purchased. Workbooks are a supplement and are not the program. Different teachers use different materials but it is a blend of resources.
- Subsidized Fieldtrips

This list will be used for fundraising purposes throughout the year.

4. Parent Activity Committee

- Friday night is movie night. There is a conflict with the community Tree lighting that will affect numbers and a request was made to change the date. However, the event will proceed as scheduled. Several donations have been received from the community. More donations and volunteers are needed.
- Samko Toy Sale – December 1-4 at the Warplane Heritage Museum. If your receipt is stamped and returned, school will receive 10% of total.
- SPC cards are available.

5. Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance is **\$4455.49** which includes pre-allocated funds of **\$3103.33**. A question was raised whether or not someone came to do a quote for the curtains. Also, funds may have been redeployed in June to pay for data projectors and Apple TVs. Ms. Neale will follow up with the office staff to determine where the funds for the devices came from and to locate the previous minutes that authorized this spending. The current funds from Pita Pit sales is **\$1352.16**.

6. Jared Bennett (HWDSB) – Transforming Learning Everywhere Presentation

Jared Bennet is a 21st Century Learning Consultant for our Family of Schools (Dundas Valley Secondary School and feeder schools). Some Teachers from SWO were involved in NDPL last year to incorporate best practices using inquiry based learning. Every Grade 4, 5, and 6 classroom in the board has been provisioned with a set of 6 iPads and an Apple TV.

- Lengthy discussion around the implementation plan, research behind the plan, board's communication of the plan for Transforming Learning Everywhere, school's communication of the changes in technology use this year, teacher learning, equitable access for students at school and at home

- Questions raised on obtaining a Risk Assessment or similar document to outline the strategy behind the project of Transforming Learning Everywhere.
- A lot of concerns raised regarding use of devices in school and the privacy and violation of consent that is resulting from the use of personal devices

7. Principal's Report (Ms. Neale)

- A parent survey will be coming out from HWDSB E-Best (Research) Department to gather voice around technology use. The timeline on the release of this survey will be between November 28 and December 9.
- A date in early 2017 will be scheduled to present the results of the survey (not at a council meeting). Hope is to have both administration and teachers present.
- Methods of school wide and classroom communication were presented

Vice-Principal's Report (Mr. Verbeek):

• **Playground Project**

School allocated \$22,000 for playground construction (Phase I) but total cost came in at about \$45000. Belco Construction has donated the difference in kind. This work should be finished tomorrow. Phase Two may not be feasible cost wise. Kindergarten is the focus for the next phase of improvements.

• **Learning Commons -**

The space has been opened up for better supervision and to address some health and safety issues. There are seating options for older students and now school is looking at furniture options for the younger students.

8. New Business

- Request for a separate meeting to address concerns raised this evening
- Supervision at the front of the school, in particular the front doors and the hill

9. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:30pm.

10. Termination

It was agreed to end the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Thanks to those who came tonight.

Chair

Recorder