

Tiffany Hills Elementary

School Council Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Tiffany Hills Elementary was called to order at 7:05 pm March 1 in Ancaster by Kathy Green

Next Meeting: April 5, 2017 at 6:30pm (note time change)

Present:

- Jane Gerritsen
- Amy Telford
- Jennifer Fortuna
- Nermeen Malik
- Kathy Green
- Kirsty Russell

Regrets:

- Sadaf Bhatti
- Julie Hope

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

1. Student Presentations: Victoria and Fariha
 - Went to School Board to show Education Centre Tiffany Hills
 - Presented a slide show of classes/gym/library
2. Continue Elections of Executive Board (Treasurer)
 - Treasurer's Report Presented by Ms. Gerritsen
 - Opening Balance: \$0.00
 - \$3,274.00 took in for Pizza
 - \$840.80 to pay for Pizza
 - Current balance: \$2,433.20
 - Lunch Lady-Everything is done online. We will receive a cheque in June
We receive .30 per order, had about 30 orders

3. Confirmation of Voting Members

- Cut off for when they can be a voting member will be next meeting

4. Principal's Report:

- Facilities Update
 - Library Items have begun to arrive (book shelves, books, tables, chairs) Mr. Cronsberry is the librarian
 - Still receiving tables and other furniture
- Outdoor Engagement for Students
 - Outdoor recess equipment for students has been ordered
 - Basketballs, foam footballs, hoola hoops and skipping ropes
 - Student council and Intermediate Students will help lead and manage equipment
 - Still looking for storage solutions; will use mesh bags for time being (grades 1-8)
- Student Leadership is Underway
 - Grade 1 and 2 students making announcements for Food Drive
 - Student Green Team (Grade 3) reps making environmental announcements
 - Intermediate and younger taking on responsibilities in school (Pizza Day, FDK helpers, lunch monitors)
- Staff Changes
 - Hired long-term occasional teacher for .4 prep (Music, Art, Science) position (mornings of days 1,2,3 and 5)- Ms. Darlington
 - Mme. Giaitiz gradually returning to full days beginning after March break
 - Two Educational Assistants will start after March break
- Planning for 2017-2018
 - Staffing and Organization for next year assigned by board
 - Planning for class building
 - Teacher assignments and subject assignments
 - Timetable
 - Class lists will not be posted until September

5. School Update- Provided by Kirsty Russell

- Staff is enjoying, great parents, Amazing Leader with Jane Gerritsen

- Announcements before first lunch
- Mr. Cronsberry has been doing Intramurals (Day 1-Grade 1; Day 2-Grade 2)
- Student Council: Colors/mascot will be voted on next week
- Friday, March 10th is Spirit Day-wear school colors
- Will have a contest to draw the mascot, will get Board Approval
- Pancake Day was a great success-Fed 60 kids and made \$ for Science in Classroom
- Potential Hot Dog Day in April? Will have a halal and regular option
- Planning a Spring Outdoor Activity-Grades 1-3
- More Spirit Day Ideas: Hat Day, Backwards Day, Crazy hair day, Twin day

6. Constitution

- We got a copy of Chedoke Constitution; Amy and Jennifer volunteered to Review and bring back to next meeting
- Parent Involvement Committee-Use Template; Jane will get Flamborough, finalized by next month, adding voting members and what to do in a tie breaker
- School Board/Chedoke's Constitution: Amy and Jennifer will have first crack at it, send out before next meeting to vote on

7. Goals of School Council for Spring

- What is our vision?
 - This will take us in to September
 - Open House/Fundraisers
 - Itemize tasks: Fundraising (what type do we want to do?), Literacy, Sports Equipment
 - Per Jane: The role of School Council an Advisory Board, to provide feedback to Jane, and help implement school plan (which is to build literacy, numeracy, and a positive school climate)
 - Kathy would like us to email her: Vision for Tiffany Hills, tagline or vision statement
 - Spirit Ware: We will keep it simple, t-shirt and water bottle. Mrs. Russell will check with Chedoke Contact, Mason Athletics is another supplier

8. Open House/Grand Opening/BBQ Ideas:

- Hold during May Education Week
- Invite Trustee/MPP,

- Event from 5-7pm
- Couple of speeches, School Council Students speak
- Have some displays
- Fundraising Ideas:
 - Penny Carnival- Classroom Game, parents will have to run (like a bean bag toss, etc.)
 - Do an Activity by Grade Level
 - Sell Spirit Ware
 - Do class basket raffles-Parents to donate items for basket theme, sell raffle tickets (give them a magnet, pencil) to draw for a basket
 - Amy suggested a gift card tree
 - Bake Sales
 - We will plan and communicate to Kirsty, she will communicate to other teachers
- Food/BBQ
 - Ancaster Rotary (they support the community)
 - Harvey's
 - Pizza from Dominos
- Scholastic Book Fair? Amy will look into

9. Possible plans for Spring Fund Raiser

- Spirit Ware
- Book Fair

10. Updates: funds to be available, pizza revenue

- Pizza revenue was discussed during the treasurer's report (Item #2)

11. New Business

- Early Meeting next month? We agreed to a 6:30pm meeting. Time change is noted above
- Communication-A request was made for more communication from the school to families. Jane Gerritsen will post more frequently on the school website

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by Jane Gerritsen. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm on April 5, 2017, in Tiffany Hills Elementary School .

Minutes submitted by: Nermeen Malik

Approved by: Jane Gerritsen