

MINUTES

Billy Green School Council

Date | time September 22, 2017 6:30PM | *Meeting called to order by* Mr. Berketa

In Attendance

Jordan Hageman, Trish Gibson, Ross Gibson, Sherry Beduk, Lucille Radcliffe, Sara Langille, Brandon Berketa, Barb McDiarmid, Jessica Gibson

Approval of Minutes

Approved and Seconded

Voting of Executive Positions

Nominations accepted; council approved

2017/2018 School Council Executive:

Chair: Jordan Hageman

Vice Chair: Sara Langille

Secretary: Jessica Gibson

Treasurer: Lucille Radcliffe

Fundraising: Trish Gibson

Principal's Report: Mr. Berketa

Introduction: Barb McDiarmid, Vice Principal until Christmas

School Organization and Staffing:

- Currently 485 students
- Class sizes in compliance; 1 change in FDK to ensure no kindergarten classes exceed 30 students
- Most classes 23-25 students, largest in grade 5, 28 students
- Social worker ½ day per week
- Reading specialist kindergartens and grade 1's, ½ day everyday
- ESL-itinerant, as needed; 41% of our students are ESL (most born in Canada therefore not fundable)

Facilities Update:

- Summer cleaning; scrubbed hall and portable floors
- New sign
- \$17, 000 exterior light upgrade, lighting remains on until 2 am to reduce vandalism
- Room to house 2 more classes if enrollment increases

- Major renovations approved, likely commencing summer 2018; 3 classroom renovations; music, specialized art and science rooms; gym expansion and playfield improvements
- Principal has requested painting and exterior improvements

Continuous Learning and Improvement:

- Continued focus on Math for Grades 3-8 and literacy for Kindergarten to Grade 2 with goal of all students reading by end of grade 1
- EQAO results-Grade 3: decrease in reading, writing and Math, Grade 6: increase in reading and math, same in writing
- Areas for improvement will be added into School Annual Improvement Plan

Volunteer Policy and Procedures

- Vulnerable Sector Screening required every 3 years
- Sign Offence Declaration each school year
- Quick meeting with Principal or Vice Principal

Miscellaneous:

- Invite intermediate student as student Rep at School Council
- Work order to move Buddy Bench; will educate students about how it works

Teachers Report:

Will be teacher representative at October meeting

Treasurer Report: Lucille Radcliffe

Reporting of current balance

Fundraising Report: Trish Gibson

Trish presented fundraising ideas that were successful at neighbouring schools.

Each idea was discussed and it was determined that she will proceed with the following initiatives:

- Holiday Bazaar (approved by council, Trish to update at October Council meeting)
- Monthly hot lunches
- TCBY (commencing ASAP given warmer temperatures, and resuming spring 2018)
- McMillans Cookie Dough
- Fundscript

Old Business

John from Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds presented council with overview of their company and provided information for outdoor play area improvements for 2 FDK areas and an outdoor classroom. It was suggested that we reach out to city councilors and make connections in our community to advocate for our school as this will be a community project.

New Business

- Class \$ Contribution

Mr. Berketa to discuss with teachers where fundraising dollars are going (outdoor classroom and FDK play area improvements)

- Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2017

Standing in solidarity with survivors of residential schools

- Fundschrift (Lucille)

Voucher/gift card program

Company manages the program, we simply distribute gift cards

We receive % of sales (the % is determined by each vendor i.e. Fortinos)

Trish to sell ribbons for Childhood Cancer awareness and research

Sara: Nutrition/Snack Program? Volunteer based, 7/8's?, Taste Buds?

Next Meeting:

October 26, 2017 6:30PM, School Library

Meeting Adjourned