

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Cootes Paradise Elementary

December 5th 2018

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marissa Sawatzky (Chair), Louise Vanderput (Vice Principal), Min Wang (Treasurer), Katherine Tiringner (Teacher rep), Angeline Navaruban (secretary), Katalin Podor, Kate Ottewell, Rae Bates Galante, Sue Dumetru, Khadija Zafar, Elsa Marques, Erin Lepischak

Agenda Item	Comments	Person responsible
1. Welcome	Called to order 6:37 at pm	Chair
2. Review of Agenda and approval	Secretary moved that they be accepted Elsa seconded the motion CARRIED	
3. Approval of October minutes	Elsa moved that they be accepted Chair seconded the motion CARRIED	
4. Teacher report	Grade 5 volleyball getting ready to start up Soccer league to start - volunteers from McMaster Seeds/bulbs were planted in the kindergarten areas in time for spring Gifted program testing also underway Robotics club with Mrs Obreza includes both girls and boys grades 4 & 5 Mama mia trip was cancelled due to inappropriate content & vocabulary Dec 13 th holiday concert 6:30-7:30pm with bake sale fundraiser for home and school & donation of food for Good Shepherd community. Lunch clubs have all commenced with lots of positive feedback 'All of Me' day was a success Grade 1 and 5 doing 2 field trips to library Student council is doing a sock and mitten drive Treaty recognition week Artists in the classroom program is underway	Teacher Rep
5. Arts Council update	Canvas frames will be changed over Jan 11 th 2019 Arts council connects teachers to artists & takes care of payment for invoice. They are currently looking into something that Kindergarten kids can participate in. Perhaps a printing or stamping activity with materials provided. Arts council meeting scheduled for Thursday December 6 th 3:30pm	Kate
6. Home and School update	Current fundraiser is poinsettia – for those who have ordered and paid the poinsettia's are due for pickup Monday December 10 th between 3pm – 6pm from Allison Henderson. Location of pickup to be announced. Lunch clubs has 200 kids participating	Erin

	Information was collected from the Cootes Paradise parent community survey.	
	Bake sale fundraiser at the holiday concert December 13 th .	
	In the new year there will be a read a thon to encourage home reading and also a move a thon.	
	The name of the Facebook group has been recently changed to “Cootes Paradise Elementary Parent Community” (from Cootes Paradise H&S”). This is to incorporate both Home and School association information as well as School Council. There has been a change of algorithm programming for facebook so it doesn’t show all group posts. Each individual has to check their settings to make sure they see posts for groups that they follow.	
7. School council report	PIC members – Amanda Fairman chair and Mike Palmer will be attending Feb 13 th meeting to answer questions about school council, roles and responsibilities, initiatives from other schools.	Chair
	New community rep is Deborah Denman (a previous chair of parent council). Chair will discuss roles and responsibilities with her in the new year.	
	A reminder that School council discusses the school as a whole and not any particular teacher or child etc. It has been a great turn out of parents so far for each meeting.	
8. Treasurers report	\$500 grant received for 2018-2019 school year. Today is the 3 rd meeting and the total revenue less expenses (childcare costs) is \$430 as of December 5 th 2018. A reminder that Bus tickets will also be reimbursed.	Treasurer
9. EQAO session	What is it: Education Quality and Accountability office	Principal/ Vice Principal
	Measures students cumulative knowledge and skills in relation to a provincial standard in reading, writing and math.	
	EQAO tests grades 3,6,9 with literacy testing occurring in grade 10. The test assesses 1/3 of the curriculum that is taught for the school year	
	4 categories of skills are tested : Knowledge and understanding, Thinking, Communication & Application	
	The results are broken down by school and by each student so that the administration can see if there are class or school wide issues	
	How do educators use EQAO data? It is part of a comprehensive unit which includes using teacher observations, attendance, report cards, classroom assessments, demographic data & EQAO results. All 6 aspects are necessary to identify where the gaps are (if any).	
	To get a full picture of student learning one also needs achievement data, attitudinal data & demographical data.	
	The upcoming PA day Friday December 7 th will be an EQAO collaboration day with Cootes staff. Go to EQAO website for more details	
10. Agenda for next meeting	Possible Part 2 of EQAO (?)	
11. Conclusion	Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm Elsa motioned for it to be completed Rae seconded the motion	

Next meeting is scheduled for February 13th 2018 at 6:30pm