



École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

School Council Meeting Minutes

October 23rd, 2018

Members Present: P. Gatsinos, S. Hall, R. Beaudoin, S. White, J. Whyte, R. Legault, J. Galea, S. Curtis, T. Curtis, E. Crawford, G. Bijelic, D. Gatsinos, M. Gooden-Lee, C. Roberto, S. Emanuel, S. Upson

Staff: Mme. Smith, Mme. Neale

| Agenda Item | Discussion/Action Taken | Person(s) Responsible |
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| Welcome & Attendance | Council was welcomed by: P. Gatsinos The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by: P. Gatsinos | P. Gatsinos |
| Review & Approval of Previous Minutes | Agenda: G. Bijelic, 2nd D. Gatsinos Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by: P. Gatsinos A motion to approve the minutes was made by: J. Whyte, Seconded by: S. White | P. Gatsinos |
| Standing Reports | | |
| Principal's Report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Progress Reports October 30. Brief report, no marks or grades. Interviews Nov. 1 and 2. New parent interview program to book interviews online. 2) Halloween Activities. Morning parade after announcements, parents welcome. Door decorating contest. Classroom celebrations and dance for grades 7 and 8. 3) Terry Fox was a great success. 4) Chocolate Fundraiser. Thank you to parents involved. Encouraged to wrap this up, school will support this. 5) Student Transitions. Grade 8 information sent home with calendar. Bulletin board in hall to support the transition information. October 24- My Pathway, My Way. Nov. 14- Grade 8 orientation day (morning). 6) Fundraising Plan. Some pieces need to be finalized with staff input. Furniture for learning commons, music room chairs. Will be posted on website for all parents to see. 7) Cost for whiteboards \$17 000 (quote). 3 year plan. 8) Super Kids- Mme. Collins and some others select 2 students per month (good character traits, success, etc.). Bulletin Board in Hallway to highlight what made them special. Wear special capes and get together. Asking parents for donations of healthy snacks and juice boxes (fruit tray, veggie tray, packaged muffins, etc). Parent sign-up list. | Mme. Neale |
| Teacher's Report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cross-country- Good turn-out. A lot of parent support. Grade 7 girls received pennant. 2) Volleyball- Sr and Jr girls teams. Development of Skills for Jr teams. Sr team has won both games so far. 3) Choir- Once a week during nutrition break. | Mme. Smith |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Band- starting Nov. 6 5) Teachers appreciate game donations from Council 6) Crochet will be starting soon. Collecting yarn and milk bags. | |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>Starting Balance- \$10191.45 (Sept. 1)</p> <p>Chocolate so far. \$8808.15 (as of October 22)</p> <p>Meet the teacher- \$852.17</p> <p>Subway- \$2084.50</p> <p>*** Bills have not yet been paid for some of these items.</p> | S. Emanuel |
| Previous/On-going Business | | |
| Fundraising Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chocolate- see above. Remaining monies and chocolates need to be returned. b) Subway- J. Galea. Need to do more to support orders as some parents did not know. More options (ability to select multiple choices). One date where school is not open, need to switch sub date to December 20. Next round of subs- information on orders sent out first week of January, parents have 2 weeks to submit. c) Committee Meeting- S. Curtis. List of suggestions: spirit wear sales, restaurant night, Indigo books (choir to perform?), write a cheque, Funfair, Pasta dinner at Michelangelos (min. 250 people), crafts purchased by parents, movie night/dance buyout (\$2 donation), vegetable box, toy sale, christmas shop for parents, popcorn, voortman cookies, cc swirls frozen yogurt, Tuck shop?, Holiday bulbs at Christmas, cookie dough, winter bazaar, cheese, candy grams, collecting of hats or mittens (city kids), multicultural night. d) Holiday Bulbs or other? Ask the staff for input on what they are feeling about this. Should we find a less expensive craft? Survey to staff through Mme. Neale. <p>Ideas to be discussed electronically and then brought back to Mme. Neale to put to the staff.</p> | |
| Update from Council Start-up Meeting | <p>Oct. 17- Informative meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cannabis information (policies) 2) Safe schools act 3) Home and School- Separate parent council from Home and School. Has more leeway as they are not directly tied to the school. www.ofhsa.on.ca. A \$100 start-up fee and \$15/parent registration fee. Coordination needed between two groups. Most events held off school property. Insurance runs November to following October- have we missed the window? S. Emanuel to follow-up. 4) www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/getinvolved/councils | |
| Canadian Parents for French | <p>LeighAnn brought information- November 17th at Fortinos (Main St. W.). They are holding a meet and greet with snacks.</p> | |

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| Furnishing the Library | Wish list with images. | Mme. Neale |
| New Business | | |
| PRO Grant | Gone. New Government has removed this. Hwdsb is looking at giving \$500 to each council to replace this. | |
| Home and School Association | see above. | |
| SuperKids Monthly Donation | see above. | |
| Meeting Schedule | Next meeting: November 15, 6:30 p.m. | |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn: P. Gatsinos Second: D. Gatsinos | P. Gatsinos |