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School Council Meeting  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Megan Foster – Teacher Representative  
Paul Hatala  
Suzanne Hall  
Elisha Szafran  
Emanuela Lippa-Crawford  
Trish Rayner  
Maria Patrinely  
Wendy Mahabir  
Jaia Rabago  
Jen Omar  
Mike Nafekh  
Kham Keochanh  
Denise Bazeley  
Erin Freeman  
Kiran Javaid  
Shiny Thomas  
Tylar Bertie  
Jennifer Valente  
Brittany Hunter

Meeting Stated at 6:31pm

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Student Update
  - Team Trees/Seas
    - Presentation by E. Bethlehem (student)
    - Organization that will plant a tree for every dollar donated, or pick up trash in the seas
    - This would be a fundraiser - Collect money from the students/families
    - He is asking for permission to run the fundraiser, and for the parent council to fund a reward for the class who raises the most money
    - Possibility of re-starting the eco club



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- If done through the eco club, can extend the amount of time
  - Motion: That the Parent council conduct a fundraiser to raise funds for team trees/seas
    - Second: Mike Nafekh
    - Vote: For – 13, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0
    - Motion Carried
  - Motion: That the Parent council fund a pizza prize to the class/classes who raises the most funds
    - Second: Jen Omar
    - Discussion:
      - Currently the council has \$1098.00 in the account
      - Healthy competition – some classes for team trees, some for team seas
    - Vote: For – 13, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0
    - Motion Carried
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
- Second: Trish Rayner
  - Vote: For – 13, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0
  - Motion Carried – Minutes approved
4. Principal's Update
- Review of Goals/Strategies for the school
    - Think and Care
    - Having a purpose
    - Continue to Enhance Learning
    - Shared Leadership
  - Questions from the Council?
    - Will there be an opportunity to meet new teachers after the re-organization?
      - There is always an opportunity to reach out to the new teachers
      - Phone call, or meet on MS Teams
      - November 17<sup>th</sup> is a PA day, so the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> will be Parent-Teacher Interviews – Booking online will be available
    - Is there a student council?
      - Yes
      - Mme Holden has organized a senior student leadership club
      - Main goal is spirit days right now – set the list for the year
      - They have a say in the fun activities day
    - Can a student/students come to the parent council meetings?
      - Part of the legislation says that we can have 1 student representative



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- Re-Organization
    - o There was only 1 class that was not affected
    - o Trying to build equal classes socially and academically
  - PA Day learning
    - o Friday, October 20th
    - o Assessment
    - o Math – How can we make this more relevant for our students
    - o Language - CRRP (Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy) Approach
  - Habits of Mind Introduction
    - o 16 habits of Mind
    - o Life skills, problem solving skills that will make communities successful
    - o Will talk about them every month in the school community
    - o Teachers will have the opportunity to recognize when they see student exhibiting these skills
    - o Each month the teachers will present a “story” of a student who exhibited one of these skills
  - Late day pick ups
    - o It is highly disruptive to pull student out of classroom in the last 10-15 minutes of the day
    - o School would rather parents pick them up earlier than in the last 10-15 minutes/day
    - o It is too hectic and can jeopardize safety
  - Halloween
    - o A letter will be sent home shortly to explain what will be acceptable and not acceptable
    - o Parade – Invite the parents in to see the costumes
    - o It has felt a little awkward in the past – Suggestion made to play music?
  - Lost and Found
    - o Will be donated next week
    - o The bin is a fire hazard
    - o Kids will be encouraged not to bring things in off the playground
    - o Trying to teach independence and responsibility
5. Motion to extend the meeting to 7:40
- o Second: Maria Patrineli
  - o For: 13, Opposed – 0, Abstain - 0
  - o Motion Carried



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## 6. Teacher/Staff Updates

- Cross-Country Meet Update
  - o MJ did very well at the cross-country race
  - o Multiple number 1 and top 10 spots in multiple divisions
  - o The kids showed up in wonderful ways
- Terry-Fox Day was wonderful
  - o Connections were made between students
- Volleyball Teams doing very well
  - o Correction from last meeting - Sr, Boys and **Sr** Girls
- Student leadership council
- First Lions Assembly – to replace the principal’s awards
  - o Kids are always happy to celebrate each other achievements
- PA day tomorrow
- Field trips
  - o Mme Holden has planned trips for the music classes
- Math facilitator – works with the primary/junior classes to support there

## 7. Council By-Laws/Quorum

- It is a legislated piece
- We set the bylaws of how we want to operate
- Should be reviewed annually
- Our By-Laws are outdated (2014)
- Proposal for a subcommittee to review the Bylaws and update them
  - o Amendment proposal - to change the bylaw to 24 voting members
  - o Quorum is usually 50% +1
  - o Amendment proposal - to change quorum to standard 9 voting members from 13
  - o Then the subcommittee will work on the bylaws and they will govern our business for the rest of the year
- Question about Virtual Voting
  - o The challenge with virtual voting is the discussion part
- Motion: So that the Parent Council change the Bylaw to include the number of voting members at 24
  - o Second: Emanuela Lippa-Crawford
  - o For - 13, opposed – 0, Abstain – 0
  - o Motion Carried
- Motion: So that for the current year, our quorum will be 9 voting members
  - o Second: Maria Patrineli
  - o For - 13, opposed – 0, abstain -0
  - o Motion Carried



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## 8. October Candygram Update

- Printed/cut and ready to be distributed by students and then picked up to attach candy
- Will be redistributed to the students on the 31<sup>st</sup>
- 300 have been made
- Will make sure that the suckers are halal and dairy free/gluten free
- Have alternative suckers available in the classrooms so the students can switch

## 9. Fundraising Plan

- Check out slack
- Fundraising is due to be signed and handed in by the end of the month
- Short term/long term projects – we as a council need to determine one short term and one long term goal to fundraise for
- Some research needs to be done so there is more information about the long term projects for voting purposes
  - o Outdoor Play structure – Suzanne/Kham
- For school generated funds – must state what you are going to fundraise for, do it, spend it, then tell everyone how you spent it – accountability piece
- Motions to be voted on:
  - o Motion: So that the parent council will purchase ipads/classroom devices with the funds generated from fundraising.
    - Second:
  - o Motion: So that the parent council will purchase materials for enhancing the school action plan for the classrooms with the funds generated from fundraising.
    - Second:
- Subsidizing school trips

Month	Activity	Ongoing
September	Terry Fox Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weekly Lunch</li> <li>- Weekly Kernals</li> <li>- Popcorn</li> <li>- School Cash Online</li> <li>- Ongoing Cash Donation</li> </ul>
October		
November	Bazaar/Poinsettia	
December	-----	
January	Used Book Sale	
February		
March		
April	Card Box	
May	Jump Rope for Heart	
June	Picnic Cancer Assist Care Walk	



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10. Motion to Adjourn: Paul

- Second: Suzanne Hall
- For – 13, Against – 0, Abstain – 0
- Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm