**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 16th, 2016**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location:** Room 137

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**In Attendance** : Nancy Kish, Amanda MacLeod-Smith, Aunika Hinks, Rachel Kostuk, Riann Kinniburgh, Dawn Danko, Stefanie Sheils, Sheila Haylock, Lisa Mullin, Amy Townsend

Principal: Mr. Gord Carey

**1.****Call to Order** 6:02 pm

**2. Agenda and Minutes Review**

 Approved by Sheila Haylock, seconded by Amanda MacLeod=Smith

**3. Principal's Report**

* Mrs. Murphy to act in Mrs. Weil's place during her absence.
* PD day on Feb. 26th --- Mr. Carey to meet with board-wide supports. New Directions Team comprised of Mrs. Tunstead, Mr Grechulk, Mrs. Flewellyn and Mrs. Blanchette. Scheduled to meet with the cluster consultant to determine which areas of curriculum need focus.
* New classrooms are ready for deficiency walk-through, hoping to get furniture next week. Teachers will have a day to prepare classrooms
* Question arose regarding the possible need for portables next year. We probably won't need them.
* Discussed the focus on Learning Skills Initiative.
* Report cards home Thursday.
* Scholar's Program starting early March; EQAO preparation for grades 3 and 6 with the goal of bumping level 2 up to level 3. 3:30 to 5:00 pm. 2 days per week with DPA and a snack. 1:10 teacher - student ratio.
* Attendance/Late arrivals -- encouraging punctuality. Contest incentive for the class with the best attendance.
* Parking -- continue to let people know not to use the staff parking lot; discussed the use of pylons.
* Encourage use of Queensdale website and reducing hard copies of newsletter.
* Classroom updates (general)

Learning technology

Digital Citizenship -- parents check out *commonsensemedia.org*

Helping Kids do proper research, for example adding "for Kids" to Google searches*.*

Liquids/Solids, Math, Writing (Need more focus on writing)

Using I-pads to show what they know

Process more important than end product

Social Studies, different cultures, exploratory

* Discussed implementing online payments and how we can make a smooth transition

**4. Treasurer's Report**

 See report

* New benches still need to come out of balance
* Not a lot of extra money considering all pending expenses (for example hot dog day, frozen yogurt day, buses and musical, kindergarten activity) Let Mr. Carey know if there is anything we may need

**5. Chair Report**

* Riann to work on updating the Parent Council Constitutions
* Teacher Appreciation May 2-6th
* Secretary Appreciation April 27th
* Volunteers needed --pizza, fun fair, hot dog day etc. (Dawn to look into other school's pizza process)
* Sub day changed from Thursday March 24 to Wednesday, March 23rd.
* Mrs. Mogavero is the United Way rep -- hosting a fundraising bake sale and hat day.

**6. Updates**

* Fun Fair -- June 3rd (Consider involving students, perhaps a Student Fun Fair Committee-- to be governed by a teacher. Mr. Carey will address this with staff)
* Discussed the idea of a Student Council next year
* Dawn to continue to look into the outdoor classroom and shade trees for the back, also discussed requesting stones for drainage near front path -- asked Mr. Carey if we can request that these be supplied by the board as it is now necessary due to the renovations
* Dawn to also address need for a larger gymnasium
* Discussed the need for a crossing guard at the corner of Queensdale and Prince George Ave.
* Dawn mentioned the School travel plan-- training session in early March at Westmount
* Apple program -- Mandy expressed the need for more apples in the classrooms, Riann to forward Metro information to Mandy
* Cookie grams were a success, thank you Amy. Next year have the kids fill out the labels
* Musical -- April 4th, 5th, 6th -- 6:30 pm (1 to 1 1/2 hours), 200 capacity at each show, tickets will be $7.50 for adult, $5.00 for child. Dress rehearsal on the Monday afternoon before the show

**Next meeting April 19th, 6:00 pm**

**8. Meeting Adjourned** 7:35 pm