



**Yorkview School Council
Meeting Minutes - Monday October 15, 2018**

Present: Majdi Qutob (Chair - v), Brian Gauthier (Co-chair - v) , Rebecca Ganann (v), Pam Gupta (v) , Maneesh Gupta (v), Sabrina Press (v), Megan Medlock (v), Andrea Bannister-Bannister-Hutchison (v), Sean Ernst, Lily Ernst, Erin Reid, Ian Philips, Zachary Aasman, Brianne St. Louis (Dundas Valley Pre-school - v), Stacey Waye (YMCA -v), Mr. Puppa (staff), Mr. Degner (Principal)

Regrets: Amy Taylor (Secretary - v), Samantha Cliff (v)

1. Welcome

Majdi Qutob welcomed everyone to the meeting and Brian Gauthier read the Dish with One Spoon Land Acknowledgement to start meeting.

Because of the very packed agenda we did not get an opportunity to go around the room and do introductions. Also as per our current by-laws council is allowed up to 20 voting members so there is an opportunity at the next meeting to have more parents take voting positions.

2. Approval of Minutes

Megan Medlock moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 minutes, Brian Gauthier seconded the motion - motion carried.

3. Approval of Current Agenda

There were no issues with the agenda.

4. After School Programming

Mike Partridge from Hatch Coding presented - They teach coding at schools across GTA - students work along little projects to learn skills and build up to large project. They need a minimum of 10 students to run course. At Yorkview they would offer a course to students in grades 3,4,5. The fee is \$21.50 per student per class. They will subsidize one student for 10 registered.

Website hatchcoding.com

No one was able to come present from the Ukulele program

Cassandra Maracca - Strings Instructor with the HWDSB. There are 5 Instructors in the board, they offer 30 minute instruction during the school day. There are 3-5 student in a group lesson and the fee is \$295 per year, works out to \$10 per class. They also offer Semi-private and private lessons and the fee does increase. There is an opportunity for strings students to join the junior and senior orchestra (extra \$200 per year). The Orchestra practices Wednesday nights, and preforms 2 concerts a year. Each student is provided an instrument and a book that are theirs to use for the year (instrument and book included in the cost). Program runs for students in grades 4 - 8. The term started last week, but students can still register late. A new session starts in the January and students can register at a pro-rated fee.

Discussion on outside after school program - concern over marketing of these outside programs. Overall council was fine with them being offered after school. The sting program is run by the board and happens at Yorkview on Wednesdays during the school day.

5. Elections

Treasurers - No one was interested in taking on this position at this time. Megan Medlock will continue to get a financial summary from the school office before each meeting until a Treasurer can be elected.

Committee Lead for Fundraising/Events -No one was interested in taking on this position at this time. For now Lily Ernst, Brian Gauthier and Megan Medlock will make up the start of the fundraising committee.

Communications/Advocacy Committee - Lily Ernst will take lead. Andrea Bannister, Sabrina Press and Brian Gauthier will be committee members. Their first task is to streamline all social media accounts. Other communication notes - Majdi will provide Mark Degner with updates for the school newsletter. Mr. Degner is able to make changes to the website (example updating current council co-chairs and posting meeting minutes)

6. Principal's Update

a. Bus Driver Appreciation - There is a bus driver shortage in our area. Parents at the meeting were asked to sign cards for Bus Driver Appreciation Day, and as a principal Mr. Degner is working to make our bus drivers feel appreciated.

b. Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions - Board has updated policy (it is 59 pages long). Mr. Degner highlighted a 2 page summary and distributed for parents to review.

c. One kindergarten class has been closed. Now have 27 students in one class and 29 in the other, and the equipment from the kindergarten class that was closed has been redistributed. Our current school population is 188 students, and Yorkview is closed to out of catchment. Yorkview enrolment is projected to remain consistent for the next few years. The exercise bikes that school council purchased last year are being used. There is one bike in each FDK class and the other is in the 2/3 class. The 2/3 class has moved down into the former kindergarten classroom.

d. The drinking fountain across from the grade 4 class was installed last year but remains closed - the caretaker is flushing the pipes daily. That fountain is the only one that tested with a lead exceedance. It will open when test results show there is not an exceedance and Public Health is satisfied there is no risk. All taps that are used for drinking are clearly marked; nobody uses other taps for drinking. Students are to fill water bottles at the new fountain that school council purchased last year.

e. Playground - Board will get quotes for a patch job for the black top and a quote for repaving (starting Monday). Decision will be made by facility management. Superintendent has been out and taken pictures. Mr. Degner will have updates for next meeting.

7. Education Assistance Allocation Update

Majdi Qutab and Mark Degner had a phone meeting with the Superintendent on October 15 to discuss concerns.

June of 2018, school was aware we were losing 1 Educational Assistant (EA) for the following school year. Yorkview started September of 2018 with 2 EAs. The end of September the Special Education Department re-allocated E.A.'s across the board. It was determined that Yorkview needed only one EA. Since losing another EA, the school has accessed *Intensive Support Services*, *Character Networks*, and developed adaptive scheduling: as children's needs change, so too does the EA schedule and the need for system services.

Principal has been in contact with Superintendent and Principal of Special Education. Special Education Consultant has also been to the school since the reallocation of the EA, and is meeting with Principal and LRT on October 16 to review school needs. Superintendent said all E.A's in the board are allocated. She will review to make sure we have the most current information in the rubric and will review staffing and timing. Independence Rubric - Classroom teachers work with Learning Resource Teacher, who then works with Principal and Spec. Ed Consultant. Since the EA has been reassigned, Mr. Degner has received 10 emails, had 3 face to face meetings and 4 phone conversations with concerned parents. Parents are encouraged to communicate their concerns about their children's needs to classroom teachers.

On October 30th at 6pm the Superintendent is coming to the school and is open to discuss any parental concerns -Educational Assistant shortage, black top, other school issues.

8. School Improvement plan (circulated)

Input is being sought from a parent and a grade 5 student on the Student Well-Being section of the plan., If interested please contact Mr. Degner directly.

Reading data from grade 1 was also highlighted as a concern, The school has responded to student needs by reassigning librarian to do more specific intervention with small groups of students.

9. Teacher Update

- Cross country - Ms. Henry and Ms. Gardner took students to the Cross Country meet last week - School may want to consider investing in a tent for things like track and field and cross country.
- Intramural Soccer has wrapped up for the season
- The Kinders going to pumpkin patch
- Terry Fox Run - took place the end of September, thank you council for providing apples

Mr. Degner thanked the teachers for everything they do. They are also currently learning a new web-based report card program.

11. Fundraising Plan - (circulated)

The plan needs to be submitted to the board by October 31st. It outlines what fundraisers the school will be doing, how much money will be raised, and plans for how to use the profits. We need to consider using some of the funds to pay for the new slide on the playground (we do not want to use school operating funds for this purchase as this money is used to purchase materials for student learning, eg. reading intervention program). Mr. Degner requested fundraising for \$3500.00 towards the payment of the slide repair. Mr. Degner also recommended School Council fundraise now for money to purchase mulch next year for the creative playground.

12. Environmental Stewardship Committee Update