

MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR KIMBERLEY JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

held at 50 Swanwick, Ave., Toronto
on the 26th day of October, 2015

Call to order 7:05pm

PRESENT: Lilian Hanson (Principal), Pete Vree (Chair), Lisa Lemon, Victoria Morwick (Treasurer), Marike Emery (Secretary), Victoria Morwick, Sabrina Silverstone, Pam McCulloch, Rebecca Hart

1. Approval of Minutes from September 2015 meeting

PV moves to approve the minutes, RH seconds.. motion passed, all in favour.

2. Principal's Report

Teachers moving into new phase of strike action as per union directive to withdraw all extra-curricular activities. Teachers now in a legal strike position. Boards will alert parents via "school connect" emails. TDSB website has labour relations updates. Not going to see much communication coming from LH, info will come directly from Board or Union or media. Any questions, please come and see LH.

Has been working on school budget, we have received \$10 per student for technology from the Board. LH identified 3 priority areas for this year's budget:

1. Technology - Main priority is to replace beat up leased laptops. LH has allocated just under \$12K for technology (this includes the \$10 per student from the Board). LH plans on buying 5 Chromebooks and 10 refurbished laptops and buying the charging cart. This would provide 1 computer for every 2 students (in a class of 30). The junior classes share the cart.
2. text books for new French and Social Studies curriculum – what exists in the school now is out of date. \$4,700 re-allocated as a school priority;
3. teacher release – supply coverage for when teachers have to attend school support team meetings.

The technology purchase raises a discussion re: discussions last year and in September, about School Council matching the School's purchase by buying 15 Chromebooks out of the council budget. This will provide a total of 30 computers and completely replace the existing out-of-lease laptops. This will also provide each student in a class of 30 with a laptop. SL demos the Chromebooks and laptops.

There seems to be enough monies in the Council reserve fund to cover cost of the new chromebooks/laptops. LH is going ahead with ordering the Kimberley portion of the computers this week and asks if Council could do the same as Barb Logan is going on medical leave and she can most easily facilitate the purchase. LL asks about \$10/student allocation for technology – is this a one time contribution? LH says her understanding that it would be an ongoing contribution that would allow schools to plan for bigger technology upgrades/purchases.

PV moves that Council contributes \$4900 towards purchase of 15 Chromebooks, RH seconds. Motion passed by acclaim. LL and PV regret that more parents not present to have their voices or opinions heard on this large purchase. All happy that school is able to upgrade its technology!

Thanks for positive feedback on cross-country running, and great support from the families. Big thanks again for the bus. LH had been away for 1 ½ weeks for minor surgery, still trying to catch up.

No Halloween parade around the block, has to been in the school yard because of labour situation.

3. Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately, don't have access to bank statements/balance as we're in the process of changing banks - from National Bank to Pace Bank. Pace provides better security as it's the Board's bank and they pick up deposits directly from the school.

4. Snack Report

TF sends regrets. ME reports that all seems to be fine.

5. QSP Magazine Fundraiser Report

SS reports disappointing but not surprising results, only sold about 15 magazines. LL asks about QSP distribution. LH says can be done after the bell rings. LL suggests distributing the packages on dismissal, one day this week. LL and PC saying they'll help out to distribute. Email to be sent out for helpers. SS will set up an info booth at Pumpkin Carving event.

6. Pumpkin Carving

How many people are coming? No idea.. but LH says kids are very excited. Only 3 chilis so far. UPDATE: event a huge success, at least 9 chilis presented, many thanks to Pete Vree and family and all volunteers for sticking to it and making the event happen.

7. Draft Budgeting for 2015-2016

PV goes over draft budget, various discussions about line items/allocations. All movie night and pizza day dates have been set. Looking for helpers for all these events. Also, due to labour situation Pizza orders must be done online via the milk in schools ordering portal. PV will send out an email with detailed youtube video on how to order. School Council will cover cost of service charge on the milk in schools website, no cash orders anymore for Pizza lunch. If you are unable to purchase pizza with a credit card, please complete the online ordering form, and place the monies owed in the cash jar in the school office. The website also accepts PayPal which can be linked to a bank account, rather than credit card.

7. Miscellaneous

Event dates are now set for Pizza Day and Movie Nights, LH to review and report any conflicts. Winter concert is up in the air due to strike action. Skating also may not happen because teachers won't go off-site. Graduation date is June 28. PV will submit one permit to TDSB for all movie nights.

LH talks about insurance – reminder to be very clear when publicizing events to include “Organized by Kimberley School Council” for insurance purposes for any events for which there's been a permit issued.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm