

VISCOUNT ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2019

<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Members: <i>Kate Wigston – Co-chair</i> <i>Mia Hunt – Co-chair</i> <i>Magda-Lena Capkun –Secretary</i> <i>Charlene Blaszczyk – Treasurer</i> <i>Karen Benjamin – Teacher Rep</i></p> <p>Members at Large: <i>Michael Barnes – Community Rep.</i> <i>Leila Heikkila</i> <i>David Collister</i> <i>Adam Peters</i> <i>Esther Peters</i> <i>Betsy Schuurman</i> <i>Scott Oastler</i> <i>Christine Thompson</i> <i>Juliana Laboucane</i></p>	<p><u>Regrets</u></p> <p><i>Paula Slesar – Principal</i> <i>Chris Evans – Co-Treasurer</i> <i>Susan Green</i> <i>Michelle MacAfee</i> <i>Tirsan Hujaleh</i> <i>Assia Mokrani</i> <i>Lisa Chen Obrist</i> <i>Stephen Cudmore</i> <i>Hitham Jleed</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.Minutes from December were approved.Agenda for January, as amended, was approved.<u>Principal's Report:</u> (Paula Absent)<u>Teacher's Report</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">Skating has started; Taekwondo ongoing – students working towards certificationSkate sharpening – done at arena \$250; best price foundPizza starting, now on Mondays; note: 38% of families are using school cash online to pay for pizza, etc. (69/180 students)<u>Treasurer's Report</u><p>Opening Balance: \$18,029.24 Closing Balance: \$17,037.77</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Circa \$3,300 of expenses to come out (items from teacher wish list)<u>Community Report</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft article submitted to Image by Jan 21stCapital Priorities list: no capital funding was given this past year because of the change in government; will ask Paula to look into what is happening this year	

8. Movie Night: February 22nd

- Peanuts Movie (1hr 33min); teachers responded to request for assistance (Denise and Deena; Karen may also help with set-up); Charlene will order pizza

9. Coffee update:

- Circa \$800 profit;
- Do a survey to see if people liked the coffee, comments, etc.
- Maybe use Equator next time (with tea and chocolate)
- Can do online purchases or monthly subscription – may encourage more orders
- Before Christmas was good timing – many purchased as gifts

10. Holiday Hampers update:

- Successful - 12 hampers made, instead of 11, as received more gifts than needed
- Betsy got \$190 in cards donated; Council paid for the rest

11. Allocation / spending of funds:

- Justin Moodie suggested a new integrated sound system for the gym – will get an estimate; see if Board has company tendered for this – blue-tooth, chrome casting
- Kate suggested earmarking money for a bigger Grade 6 End of Year trip such as a day trip to Montreal or Kingston, Y Camp or Upper Canada Village; at present, students go to OAC; will contact Ms. Fulford and M. Le Monnier regarding interest; approx. 22 Grade 6 students
- M. Le Monnier was able to get some instruments (class set of xylophones & 14 djembe drums) paid for through a \$900 Kathleen Evans memorial fund for music
- *** **Council approved spending on/for:** 1 extra Scientists in Schools workshop for Grade 4s; 6 more djembe drums; rhythm sticks; Chromebook chargers (to \$100); School subscription to Starfall; magnetic polyhedron set
- Charlene will set up So Kind registry for sports equipment (new or nearly new)

12. Skate-a-thon

- Juliana, Charlene will get items for display case (Jessa consulted re: last year)
- Betsy to look at corporate donation or one to match funds
- Have class rivalry, such as pizza party for highest earning group, to encourage more participation; incentive for Grade 6's - work toward end of year trip?

13. Website (David)

- School website has a School Council tab, which is empty – need to know who can have access and fill it in; should add main updates, Council decisions; can add/thank any corporate sponsors
- Should send Justin Moodie any info or photos for Twitter
- Mia – can take care of Council's social media presence - for Website and Twitter

14. Paths leading to/beside school:

- Dangerous – sidewalk in front of school, path beside KP yard and parking lot
- Parents / school need to Call 311 or tweet out to Fleury to complain about sidewalk
- Parking lot – Health and Safety issue – Karen has complained to Board
- Path belongs to school – custodian's role, but there is interim custodian; Council will purchase grit or product to put on path, and place 2 bins with it near path.

15. Safi's:

- Michelle did not have the time to continue with Safi's lunch orders for the winter term; would need a new person to organize, and volunteers to deal with sorting
- There were also some issues regarding tardiness and supply;
- Kate will send out email thanking Safi's for their participation;
- Council will look into other options, such as Pita Pit, in February.

NEXT MEETING: February 4th, 2019, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.