

VISCOUNT ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2019

<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Members: <i>Paula Slesar – Principal</i> <i>Kate Wigston – Co-chair</i> <i>Mia Hunt – Co-chair</i> <i>Magda-Lena Capkun –Secretary</i> <i>Chris Evans – Co-Treasurer</i> <i>Pierrick Le Monnier – Teacher Rep</i></p> <p>Members at Large: <i>Michael Barnes – Community Rep.</i> <i>Leila Heikkila</i> <i>Adam Peters</i> <i>Esther Peters</i> <i>Betsy Schuurman</i> <i>Christine Thompson</i> <i>Juliana Laboucane</i></p>	<p><u>Regrets</u></p> <p><i>Charlene Blaszczyk – 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> <i>David Collister</i> <i>Scott Oastler</i></p>
<p>1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.</p> <p>2. Minutes from January, as amended, were approved.</p> <p>3. Agenda for February, as amended, was approved.</p> <p>4. <u>Principal's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds for Math improvement – Junior teachers: PRIME resource (diagnostic tools, developmental math); KP math Manipulatives• Report Cards – go home on February 13th• Spirit week this week• Volleyball – end of month• Grade 6 students suggested organizing a bake sale or a dance on Valentine's Day, to raise funds for end of year trip• School received a \$5000 Health Promotion Grant from SHCHCC – may be used to buy sports equipment from Wish List; discussion of other options, but needs to be spent by beginning of March• Luv2Groove – in June• In keeping with School Improvement Plan, Autism training will be given to 4 teachers and 2 learning support staff by the Geneva Centre	

5. Teacher's Report

- Taekwondo - students in Contant's, Le Monnier's and Fulford's classes received their certification; Judges from the Korean Centre came; no cost to school – through the Korean Embassy; also learned values, respect, etc.
- Musical Instruments – teachers happy with all the instruments ordered; most in
- Grade 6 End of Year trip – Le Monnier and Fulford interested in doing different trip this year, as suggested by Council; will meet with Kate to discuss

6. Treasurer's Report (Charlene absent)

Opening Balance:

Closing Balance:

- \$500 Grant given to Council because Viscount is a RAISE school – Council discussed using it for a student emergency fund or school hampers; Council approved that it be used for mitts, hats, socks and winter clothing for students

7. Community Report

- Capital Priorities list: Michael will look into what is happening this year, with the new government; Paula to ask Superintendent
- Articles for Image – Michael would like a blurb about Taekwondo, as well as one regarding the grant from SHCHCC, with photos; the SHCHCC can use them for their report
- Rideau Sports Centre – Michael knows someone there; could have students take tennis lessons or other activities there
- New trustee, Lyra Evans, should be invited to one of our meetings to discuss the Capital Priorities list and to help her understand the demographics of the neighbourhood - need her to be supportive of Viscount; she could also write a regular update for Image

8. Movie Night: February 22nd

- Have most parent volunteers needed to sell tickets and help out; have teacher volunteers, as well; flyer going home to parents next week

9. Allocation / spending of funds:

- Karen in touch with Dynamix Ottawa to get an estimate AV system for the gym
- Wish List - French books to support SS and Science curriculum – Pierrick will look into getting an estimate for the March meeting

10. Skate-a-thon

- Juliana, Charlene and Leila will take on the organization of the Skate-a-thon
- Betsy to look at corporate donation or one to match funds
- Showcase to be done by Feb 14th; envelopes to go home Tuesday, Feb 19th
- Council decided against class rivalry, but will have incentive for Grade 6's – half of money raised by Gr. 5/6 classes with go towards end of year trip

11. Social Media

- Mia is setting up a Viscount School Council Facebook page (public), as well as a parent private group; can post school events and have discussions (private group)
- Content for the Council tab on the School website needs to be sent to the Board; should include minutes of meetings.
- Discussion took place regarding Twitter account: Council decided it should keep a separate Twitter account from school one; will wait on Twitter for now; can send Justin Moodie any info or photos for Twitter

12. Thank you – Council approved \$75 to be spent for a Thank you gift for Susan Green, for all the years she dedicated to School Council as Chair, and in her other roles; she will be asked to attend the last Council meeting in June, at which time this will be presented.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.