

# VISCOUNT ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2019

<p><b><u>Present</u></b></p> <p><b>Members:</b> <i>Paula Slesar – Principal</i> <i>Kate Wigston – Co-chair</i> <i>Mia Hunt – Co-chair</i> <i>Magda-Lena Capkun –Secretary</i> <i>Charlene Blaszczyk – Treasurer</i> <i>Pierrick Le Monnier – Teacher Rep</i></p> <p><b>Members at Large:</b> <i>Michael Barnes – Community Rep.</i> <i>Leila Heikkila</i> <i>Adam Peters</i> <i>Esther Peters</i> <i>Juliana Laboucane</i> <i>Michelle MacAfee</i> <i>Scott Oastler</i></p>	<p><b><u>Regrets</u></b></p> <p><i>Chris Evans – Co-Treasurer</i> <i>Susan Green</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>Betsy Schuurman</i> <i>Christine Thompson</i></p> <p><i>Melissa Miller (library tech)</i></p>
<p><b>1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>2. Minutes from March were approved.</b></p> <p><b>3. Agenda for April was approved.</b></p> <p><b>4. <u>Librarian Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapters Adopt-a-School donation: \$5999.63, received on October 27, 2017</li><li>• 2-year plan: \$2037 spent to date; 1211 books added to Viscount collection since October 20, 2017, including Chapters purchases and outside donations</li><li>• \$3691.79 remaining</li><li>• \$1000 allocated to update non-fiction in English and French, and to meet curriculum needs.</li><li>• \$426.12 allocated for Forest of Reading program in 2019/2020</li><li>• \$500 for Graphic Novel section</li><li>• Remainder to be divided among English and French books</li><li>• Ms. Miller will look into subscription to kid's magazine, that Council would pay for</li></ul> <p><b>5. <u>Principal's Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilities has said that the MASC mural will be put up in the next week or so</li><li>• April 23 – Paper Bag Princess; York St. students joining our school</li><li>• Wax Museum – April 25<sup>th</sup> – Grades 5 and 6</li><li>• Fanosoro – drumming for all grades – May</li><li>• Let's Talk Science and Scientists in Schools workshops in April</li></ul>	

## 6. Teacher's Report

- Grade 6 End of Year trip: Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Montreal; 7 am to 7 pm
  - \* 20 students, 4 adults (2 teachers, M. Le Monnier and Ms. Fulford, & 2 volunteers)
  - \* Coach bus (\$1800 to \$2000); 1 supply teacher for grade 5's; therefore, approx. cost of \$2400
  - \* So: 50% of Gr. 5/6 donations from Skate-a-thon is \$500, plus \$2000 from Council, which Council agreed to spend
  - \* Usually asked \$15/student for OAC; will decide what to ask this year
  - \* Fundraising by Grade 6's for this trip in future should start in September, now that we know cost
- Safe was installed in photocopy room

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance: \$15,274.54

Closing Balance: \$10,319.98

Reconciled Balance: \$9,685.88

## 8. Community Report

- Capital Priorities list: Board's Chief Financial officer said that there is no news from the Province
- Articles for next Image – send to Michael, by April 5
- New trustee, Lyra Evans, did not respond to last invitation – will re-invite to one of our meetings to discuss the Capital Priorities list and Viscount
- In support of ASH's request, Council agreed to send letter from School Council to the City, regarding the negative impact of illegal rooming houses in Sandy Hill on families, the neighbourhood and schools

## 9. **Skate-a-thon Fundraising:**

- **Total raised by students: \$4652**
- \$200 donation by real estate person; given to school
- Grade 5/6 classes raised just over \$1000

## 10. **Allocation / spending of funds:**

Council discussed possibility of swimming lessons at UofO (\$240/hr w 4 instructors). Next year, may get Swim to Survive at Uof O.

**Council approved and earmarked the following:**

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| • \$50/class from now until June        | \$500          |
| • \$100/class for 2019/2020 school year | \$1,000        |
| • Scientists in Schools                 | \$2,000        |
| • Grade 6 trip                          | \$2,500        |
| • Chromebooks (4) and a stationary bike | <u>\$2,200</u> |
| • <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$8,200</b> |

## **11. Social Media**

- Mia had training from Board personnel for the School Council section of Viscounts' Website; Justin would take care of School News section of site
- Will get an email address for School Council

**NEXT MEETING: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:30 pm.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.**