

TIMBERLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Waleed Najmeddine Shavonne Wilson Erin Piercey
Deanna Hoffer Kim Snow Jennifer Garland
Erika Doka Karen Romaniuk Paul Wohlgemuth
Shauna Bulbeck

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 p.m.

Erin welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1. Adoption of agenda with additions or deletions
 - Add discussion of playground
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Minutes from previous meeting approved as is
3. Administration's report

Mr. Najmeddine

 - Enrolment (206)
 - i. Gone up a bit since beginning of year (5-10 students)
 - ii. Some movement back and forth between schools

ECDP - 20	K - 22
Gr. 1 - 25	Gr. 2 - 24
Gr. 3 - 23	Gr. 4 - 32
Gr. 5 - 28	Gr. 6 - 32
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 - Staffing
 - i. Heather Fisher - maternity leave (returns Sept. 2018)
 - ii. Rachel Harris - returning gr. 4 Nov. 2017 (Gayle Neil temp.)
 - iii. Debbie Porter - Christina Gordon
 - iv. Lisa Skinner - Grade 2
 - v. Andrea Organ - Ecole McTavish
 - vi. Shannon Dube - ATA Local 48 president + 0.5 FTE grades 5 - 6
 - vii. Sarah Chaulk, Catherine Aasen - surplus
 - viii. Ms. Polegato – see about having her work with students in gr. 4 during free blocks on Tues/Thurs
 - ix. 2.5 Teachers for gr. 5 – 6
 - x. No music teacher, each teacher is teaching their own music class
 1. Ms. Power has offered to put on a PL Friday for teachers and help out with Christmas concert

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- Vision and Mission
 - i. Mission statement
 - We are dedicated to supporting every child in becoming a successful and responsible citizen. We will achieve this by:
 - motivating students to achieve academic excellence
 - promoting healthy eating and active living
 - nurturing creativity and imagination
 - encouraging critical thinking
 - honouring student diversity
 - promoting respect and care for the natural world
 - ii. Promote at school and in community
 - iii. Promotional strategy
 - 1. Posters around school
 - iv. Try to make things more focused “concise”
 - 1. Awards for kids to be more specific
 - v. Promotional posters – put up around school and use on social media. Would be a good idea to put up in community too (Dr. Offices, dentists, etc.)
- STEAM and Technology
 - i. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math grades 1-6; 60 minutes per week
 - ii. Catapults and Coding
 - iii. Multimedia Club (lunch hour Wednesdays - Adelle Wardrope)
 - iv. SWAT team - student tech assistants (Adelle Wardrope)
 - v. STEAM
 - 1. Code.org/students/elementary
 - 2. Government put it together, free
 - 3. Progresses with age and knowledge
 - 4. “If this.... Then that”
 - vi. Parent concern over making sure the kids don’t get addicted. Mr. Najmeddine pointed out how they’re teaching students the difference between creating and consuming.
- Archery
 - i. Lots of interest. Over 50 students in gr. 4-6 signed up for before and after school sessions. Only have 6 targets and 12 bows
 - ii. FMCS interested in sharing equipment; adding to stock of targets, net to share with TL. Would double number of kids able to shoot at once
 - iii. Tentative plan - bi-weekly for 4 groups until more equipment available
- APPLE Schools
 - i. Action plan review with Tyler Smith
 - ii. Funding will continue with \$500 per school plus \$2 per student for 2017-18

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- School Generated Funds
 - i. Funds are only to be spent in spirit of original purpose for collection (i.e. field trip \$\$ unable to be spent on technology...?)Emails to Parents
 - ii. District changed reporting periods – almost “live”
 - 1. More knowledge on where/what funds are being spent
 - ESL classes
 - i. Continuation of after school classes for ELL students on Monday and Wednesday after school.
 - Emails to Parents
 - i. Make use of “From the Principal” weekly email - minimize number of emails coming from the school
 - Important Dates
 - i. Mon. Sep. 25 - Fire drill #1 (require 6/year)
 - ii. Tue. Sep. 26 - Syncrude Canada and Evergreen Theatre present, "Goldilocks and the Three Polar Bears" @ 9:30 a.m. (Gym)
 - iii. Wed. Sep. 27 - Picture Day
 - iv. Thu. Sep. 28 - Terry Fox Walk (reached our Fundraising goal)
 - v. Fri. Sep. 29 - Orange Shirt Day
 - vi. Sat. Sep. 30 - Duserra (Hinduism), Yom Kippur (Judaism)
 - vii. Thu. Oct. 5 - Earth Rangers presentation @ 10 a.m. (Gym). Sponsored by Imperial Oil.
 - viii. Mon. Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
 - ix. Mon. Oct. 16 - FMPSD Board Elections
 - x. Thu. Oct. 19 - Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh)
 - xi. Fri. Oct. 20 - PL Friday (no classes)
4. Lighting outside gr. 4/5/6 portable
- Parent expressed concern over lack of lighting in this area. Will be getting dark soon and it is hard for parents who use YMCA before/after school care
5. Network Committee Update
- Joint Networks – Nov. 6
 - i. Consists of school council reps, trustees, Principals, School
 - Trustee Forum – have held previously
 - i. Don't have one scheduled this year. Have had poor attendance in past
 - ii. Any interest in an on-line version?
 - Minister of Education put out letter to school councils welcoming us to have him join school councils. More bang for buck to have him join a Networks Meeting.

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6. Playground

- What is happening with the “yellow spinny wheel” Why can it not be used?
 - i. It is unsafe, too many kids have gotten hurt from it.
 - ii. Request put in to have it removed or locked so it does not spin anymore

Next meeting scheduled for October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. after that (Nov 28, Jan 29)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.