

Mary Johnston School Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Bill – Welcome everyone

Principal's Welcome and Update – Karin

- Welcome everyone, thanks for attending meeting
- Karin reviewed since the last meeting, including the Terry Fox Run at has happened since the last meeting, including the Terry Fox Run, the Fun Run and the Clothing Drive, which included benefit for Forest Hill PS.

Walking School Bus Update - Dianne

- Proceeding well in 3 routes, with various schedules.
- Plan to have a student signup site to allow for up to date notifications

Teachers Update - Janice

- No new concerns
- Students seems excited for Halloween and Remembrance Day

EQAO – Karin

- Karin gave background on the test and its methodology, and an update of our results
- A comprehensive set of results is available online, and a subset was provided for review.
- Grade 6 math results were a surprise, and show an opportunity for improvement.
- Students are solid on the basics, seem to have issues with applying the skills, and with two=step questions.
- We reviewed a short video on Math anxiety by Marian Small
- Discussed Math-Up, and the manner in which it can scale based on student abilities.
- Centennial has access to Grade 6 student data.

Dream Big – Karin

- Karin discussed the program coming up in Scarborough

Treasurer's Report – Jenna

- Jenna presented the budget, including projected revenues and expenditures.
- December drop off event may be repeated this year, with more variety of activities for all age groups.
- Moveathon – discussion around whether it would be possible to have it at night, as a date night for parents and a Professor Jamz PJ / “dance” night for the kids. This was tabled for now, Jason is going to look into it.
- STEAM Fair expense is the boards

- Nutrition for Learning – it is unclear what the expense will be. We are going to reach out to Steph / Francine to learn more about the status of the program, and what they would like from us. We will see if they can join us at the next meeting.
- Grade 6 grad budget – we may need to adjust depending on the stage – do we need to rent again, or get additional pieces for the existing stage.
- Scooter racks – continue to be near impossible to move forward with.
- Reserve Fund – There are two main projects that we are considering:
 - o New School sign – current sign is 30 years old, broken, and infested by wasps. New electronic signs are very expensive.
 - o We will also need to replace playground equipment in the next few years – expected life expectancy is about 3 years.
- Jenna is going to update some of the items in the budget for approval at next meeting.

Approval of September Minute – Jenna moved to approve, Mary-Evelyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions – Bill

- Opened the meeting to discussions
- Discussed potential fund-raising opportunities including chocolate sales, parent fundraising night, poinsettias, toasty toes.

Meeting Closed at 8:30