



Margaret Avenue School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Silvana, Andy, Ellen, Tanya S, Tanya O-L, Heidi, Christine, Mika (student rep 7-4)

1. Chair: Ellen Menage
- review of last minutes

2. School Update – Silvana/Andy/Mika

Silvana

- term 1 report cards are in the works and go home Friday Feb 15
- staffing changes: Mr Fehderau will be retiring as of this Thursday. Mr Kiernander will be taking over the music teacher position
- successful winter carnival – outdoor and indoor activities at the school, skiing at Beaver Valley and tubing at Chicopee

Andy

- students had a great week of fun activities leading up to the holidays
- Food Bank donations were generous and appreciated
- report cards - parents can always arrange a parent-teacher interview anytime throughout the year
- House of Friendship coming in to meet with staff to assess needs within the school

Mika

- SLAM (Student Leaders at Margaret) – upcoming assembly focusing on resilience, organizing a fundraiser collecting and donating school supplies and giving to residential schools, talking about Bell Let's Talk day, OELS leadership field trip to Waterloo Oxford is Jan 31
- SLC (Student Leadership Council) – working on a variety talent show for which parents can pay for tickets and participate in a silent auction, Valentine's Day Dance
- AC (Athletic Council) – intramural co-ed basketball, boys and girls varsity basketball teams won their first games

EcoTeam – selling reusable water bottles to build awareness and reduce plastic bottles

3. Financial Update – Treasurer

\$600 balance in the account

PIC - \$500 automatically deposited

PRO Grant has been confirmed and \$1000 granted. 'Best Practices of Social Media'.

Action: Confirm speaker and date. Bring suggestions to February meeting.

Ellen to post to the school council conference a list of speakers to consider

Silvana to post to the school council conference the breakdown of the PRO Grant

4. Other Business –

WRAPSC – next meeting is Tuesday Feb 5

SubCommittees

Action: Silvana to post on School Day (before March Break) an invite to the parent community to join any of the following subcommittees

Yearbook – A parent has volunteered to work on the yearbook for this year. Lifetouch has a template that can be used. Josh plans to attend events to take professional photos to add to the individual student photos. A suggestion was made for Josh to invite other students out to help with the yearbook creative. Deadlines are approaching.

Parent Engagement – PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant – Grant has been approved. Next step is to form a subcommittee to organize the event.

Fundraising – No fundraising has been decided yet. Some ideas were discussed. Funds can be used to offset costs for trips and individual needs.

Margaret Ave 125 Anniversary – Event is school driven. One or two staff currently interested in helping with the event. Scope is as broad as the participation.

Timing – Spring 2020

Consider focusing the PRO Grant 2020 for this Anniversary event

5. What's on your mind?

Question about Homework Club - Zen Den is a more casual space where students can read, do homework, play games, draw, etc. Homework Club is a more formal dedicated space for students needing to complete work. Once they are in the room, they are to stay in the room for the whole break. Some teachers will open up their rooms on certain days for students. If the homework club is full, the student could ask their teacher to open their room to complete homework. Resource Room, Guidance Room and Office are other options for homework space if needed.

6. Meeting Dates: February 27, April 24, May 22