School Council Meeting Minutes

Abraham Erb Public School

January 22, 2020 - School Library 7:00pm

Members Present: Amy W., Becky L., Carolyn M., Danielle G., Hanan A., Jennifer K., Lee R., Leena S. (Minutes), Mitra P., Seun S., Sheila S., Shishir B., Tamara C., Vaidhehi K.

Absent: Alison P., Farzana D., Julie I., Lindsay K., Melinda H., Nasim P., Tracy M., Vera J. (Regrets)

Guests (signed in only): None

Agenda item: Welcome Presenter: Jennifer K.

Discussion:

- Territorial and Land Acknowledgement delivered by SB.
- JK motioned to approve the November minutes. SS seconded. All in favour.
- JK reviewed November action items. All were closed. Notes from the action item discussion:
 - o Pro Grant application submitted.
 - o Parking rules posted to School Day by PK.
 - JK reached out to Mme Morrison on Eco Club. She suggested starting the investigation on funding opportunities. JK starting a spreadsheet to track opportunities. Please share any research/ideas that you come across. Eco Club activities are still running but there are no meetings with the students.
 - SS and SB went to first WRAPSC meeting.
 - o Reminder from JK to provide feedback about ideas or topics for future meetings.
 - o Subhish, Syed, Rina, Prashant no longer voting members.

Agenda item: Parent feedback on Winter Variety Show Presenter: Jennifer K.

Discussion:

- Discussed feedback in groups and then shared.
- Everyone enjoyed seeing the students perform and all were appreciative of the work put in by staff and the efforts by parent volunteers.
- Generally, parents enjoyed the split of concerts into two it was suggested two different days might have made logistics easier and the timing not seem as long.
- Feedback from parent volunteers was that it was sometimes difficult to tell audience members to sit down when the result would be that they couldn't see their child performing.
- Parent volunteers were helpful in providing instructions to audience members for seating, safety
 and general courtesy by keeping the aisle clear which was an improvement from last year.
 However, it was noticeable that it was sometimes difficult for parents to follow these instructions
 for safety and courtesy and that they needed to be repeated.
- Suggestion to record whole production; not possible because of privacy act and logistics around coordinating those who can't be recorded.

- Length of time was an issue and went too long and past the bell. Suggestion that a cultural day be had and have the cultural presentations on a different day and focus on classroom performances.
- Kids were on stage too long at times, waiting for another class to finish.
- Kindergarten parent kids got priority seating. 80-90 kindergarten parents left after the kindergarten performance.
- Jr Jinglers sitting in the corner and in the dark and not highlighted after having learned 10 songs.
 Emcees could be dropped and maybe let the jinglers do the emceeing.
- Suggestion for the possibility to do this over two days instead of two concerts on one day.
- HA enjoyed the Indian performance and thought that it was new and refreshing and likes the idea of having a multicultural day.

ACTION ITEMS:

PK to get feedback from staff on the show.

Agenda item: Principal's Report Presenter: Pam K.

Discussion:

- Expressed appreciation for feedback on winter variety performance and support of safety concerns and logistics.
- Thanks given for contributions for "week of giving".
- Thanks for work on book fair. Total sales were \$6,536.00 and credit is \$3647.09And a special thank you to Julie I for all her work.
- Sam Oswald returned from parental leave and ECE, Kristy Rinzema, has left.
- Labour update: rotating strike on Monday. PK will be at school as well as those who are not part
 of ETFO. School is closed on Monday, January 27. Please continue to check communications on
 WRDSB.
- Teachers are in a legal strike position and are in the phase of rotating strikes.
- As part of strike action teachers will not be preparing a full report card with comments or inputting data into system to review and print report cards. As soon as clarifications are available PK will share this info on School Day.
- Food days have been affected by strike action and teachers not being allowed to collect money as well as the secretary's limitation on tasks associated with strike. When labour issues are settled we will restart food days.
- All classrooms had UW workshops in December. Four classes that were not able to be scheduled iin2 019 will be held Feb 7. The school is assuming the cost of those 4. After these 4 workshops every student will have had the opportunity for a UW Workshop.
- The lost and found is growing and can be found in the library. Items will be packed and put away by the end of the week and donated in June.
- The PD day is for assessment and evaluation.

Important Dates:

Kindergarten Information night May 13

ACTION ITEMS:

Send a school day note about the end date for pizza and pita.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report Presenter: Carolyn M.

Discussion:

- There were no changes or transactions.
- Funds available is \$11670.87
- JK suggested money committed (that we know we are not going to spend) be moved to funds available. This would help determine goals for fundraising at fun fair. Some say to be optimistic in that committed moneys will be used. Another comment about how money raised should be used for students in the school at that time and should not be asking for more when money available.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Add a section to February agenda to re-estimate spending.
- Parents to suggest alternate ways to spend money that would not require volunteers or teacher assistance.

Agenda item: WRAPSC update Presenter: Sheila S.

Discussion:

- Learned mental health support plus information on vaping and marajuana available for grade 7&8 and highschools and not to elementary schools.
- Free music programs available for elementary 5&6 classrooms. SB will share details with PK.

ACTION ITEMS:

 Provide feedback on mental health support system in elementary school system via email to Sheila S.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:21pm

APPENDIX #1: Log of Open Action Items

Noted: Closed items are only noted here if the item was in open status at the beginning of the meeting

Action	Person Responsible	Deadline	Status	Meeting Raised
Investigate option to have Kindergarten performance on a different day and will follow up with JK on specific logistics.	РК	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send message on School Day with logistics and timings for winter variety show and requests for parents.	PK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Request for volunteers to help with winter variety show.	PK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Determine if spirit squad will be running the week of giving and which teacher was supporting and follow up with JK.	РК	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send email with clear parking and drop off/pick up instructions (with input from staff).	РК	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Apply to the Board for PRO Grant.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send book fair volunteer sign up list to Council, highlighting spots that still need to be filled.	JI II	Nov. 29	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Discuss Eco Club volunteer requirements with Mme Morrison to determine if Club possible this year.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Connect with SS on WRAPSC about dates and add her to email list and follow up with SB on his request to attend.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Follow up with Council for ideas for presentations or topics for future meetings.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Ask for feedback from staff on the Winter Variety Show.	PK	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22
Send a School Day note about the end date for pizza and pita.	PK	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22

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