

# Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

## Thursday, April 17, 2014 – Meeting Minutes

### ATTENDANCE

#### VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

X	Ingrid Bachmann		Nancy Lua Poulsen	X	Adam Purkiss
	Nenone Donaldson	X	Cher Mamuza		Jacob Shelley
X	Rebecca Guzar (CHAIR)	X	Donna Martin	X	Carrie Stevenson
X	Sairin Hayes	X	Sean McQuillin	X	Ingrid Wessel
X	Emily Jaarsma		Pamela Mulloy		Jackie Witt

#### NON VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

X	Lynne Green (Principal)	X	Jennifer Barber (teacher)		
X	Lori Peebles (Vice Principal)				

#### 1. WELCOME (Rebecca Guzar - Chair)

- Agenda distributed electronically
- Quorum of 8 met for meeting
- Welcome to teacher in attendance: Jennifer Barber

#### 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes distributed electronically
- **Motion #1** to approve Feb. 23, 2014 EZ PS Council meeting minutes.  
*Motion Moved by:* Sean  
*Motion Seconded by:* Carrie  
*Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance*

#### 3. FINANCIAL UPDATES (Adam Purkiss – Treasurer)

##### Balances

<i>Fundraising = \$4169.80</i>
<i>General Account = \$666.37</i>
<i>Dance-a-thon = \$3856.70</i>
<i>Greening= \$4477.29</i>
<i>Words Out = \$1106.35</i>
<i>Pizza = \$5666.48</i>
<b>Total approx. \$14359.35 available to spend</b>
Gym Upgrade: \$5207.00 (sound system only, including installation) to be completed at end of April

#### 4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

##### (1) Words Out Committee Update (Rebecca speaking for Pamela Mulloy)

- *One Book One School* program was a great success
- Ask Pamela if more authors are coming yet this year – possibly one for Primary and one for Juniors?
- Ask Pamela if next year will be her last year – if so, other committee members may want to work closely with Pamela to eventually step into her role

##### (2) Greening Committee Update (Adam Purkiss)

- Trees on school property need mulching

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- Grounds need some maintenance
- Hoping to organize a weekend where mulch could be delivered and volunteers could come out to help with these projects
- Kindergarten teacher who would like to develop a “kinder garden” has reached out to Adam, but Adam would like him to first speak to Rob Ford, from Board of Ed., regarding their rules and regulations
- Lynne explained that a 10’x10’ concrete storage shed will be built at the end of the tarmac, off the Kindie wing of the building, to store their outdoor toys
- Lynne also mentioned that the big tree near the swings will be taken down, for safety reasons, and the silver maple by the parking lot will be cleaned up, as it has some damaged limbs
- Question asked about re-doing the stencils on the tarmac... Adam said we have to buy the paint and need nice weather. Perhaps it can be done same weekend as mulching – goal is to have them by end of the year

### **(3) Fundraising Committee Updates (Carrie & Emily)**

- Vesey’s Bulbs and Seeds
  - Forms are out, due back after Easter weekend, hoping for approx. \$2000 profit
- Dance-a-thon profit was just under \$3500
- Magazines – expecting to quit program
- Pita Program continues to basically run itself
- Pizza Program has a balance of \$5666, with one more order for May/June, which is expected to be approx. \$1500 (may need to pay a few hundred dollars for “School Day”)

### **(4) Communications (Carrie)**

- Spring newsletter went home today
- One more to be done in June
  - Possible content: date of fall BBQ, date of first School Council meeting, call for volunteers, detailed summary of fundraising this year
- Question whether EZ website could be used to “blast” reminders for things like Spirit Days
- Facebook page exists, but privacy settings are weird, so it’s difficult to join
- Upcoming – teachers will be able to set up web pages for their classes, to provide info.
- We have to be careful not to use too many different methods
- Rebecca suggested that next year there is a committee created to deal with this

## **5. Principal & VP Report (Lynne Green & Lori Peebles)**

- ESQ Night April 24, 6-8 pm
  - Downstairs: Brain Blasters, Crash Cars, Floating Cities
  - Main Floor: Squishy Circuits, Kaleidoscopes, Engen-uity
  - Gym: Creative Towers, Crickets, Slime
  - We should think about applying for next year
- Today was the Vow of Silence, acknowledging kids around the world without voices
- Next week (Apr. 23) is trip to symphony for junior students
- Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly is next Friday (Apr. 25) with actual event May 9
- April 25 is the next Four Seasons Dance Party
- Music Monday and Track and Field will take place in May
- May 15 is Science Fair
- EQAO upcoming
  - Primary – May 26-28

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- Junior – June 2-4
- Our VP continues to be a “1/2” position next year. Some schools, including ours, are “twinning” their VPs
  - Each VP will work at two schools
  - EZ will share a VP with Country Hills (a school within our “family” of schools)
  - Don’t know yet if Lori will continue to be our VP
  - In the past we had a similar situation when we shared a CYW (child youth worker)
- Expecting status quo for enrollment numbers next year... maybe up a bit
  - Don’t anticipate more portables (our max. is 5)
  - Currently we have 3 full kindie classes (26, 26, 25)
  - Required to do an enrollment update every month, for all classes
- Internal staffing postings start at end of April, then support staff and educational assistants
  - ECE’s are sometimes “placed” so some may leave, if there’s an opportunity for them to work closer to their homes
- Grade 6 graduation has been changed this year
  - Takes place the last Wednesday in June
  - This is a celebration of the transition between grades 6 and 7, and between schools
  - There will be a café-style restaurant set up in the gym, with a lunch served
  - Students can eat, then circulate to gather autographs
  - There will be a slideshow and some dancing, and a special momento for each student
  - Grade 6 awards will be handed out at the last day of school assembly (held for the whole school)
  - Adam noted that some schools have a “big” field trip to celebrate the end of grade 6. Lynne responded that we need to include our area class kids
  - While most kids go on to MacGregor school, enrichment students go to Centennial or Courtland
- “Safe Schools” program being set up now
  - A new monitor has been installed in the office
  - Program will begin a “test run” in June
  - Main entrance will be the only one used... the red tile area will be locked
  - Students in portables will have a swipe key that can be pinned to their clothing
  - There will also be a swipe card for front entrance where bus students arrive, or possibly this will be unlocked for a short period each morning when they’re dropped off
  - Catholic schools started this two years ago
  - Before and After School Programs – they will have to “buzz in” parents
- Note that Earth Day is the Tuesday after the long weekend, and students will be doing yard clean-up
  - This fits with this month’s goal of social responsibility
  - Please send gardening gloves with your child if you have them – school has some, but not enough for everyone

## 6. CHAIR REPORT (Rebecca Guzar)

- ESQ Night – Rebecca and Lynne will work that evening, no other volunteers required
- For our May meeting, think of goals for next year – what we’d like to accomplish
- Rebecca suggests we should fund the teacher’s lunch, as done previously
- Carrie asked whether the Grade 6 Transition Ceremony needs any funds
- Lynne answered that they’d be buying sandwiches, veggies and a big cake for the students (60+ kids coming from 7 different classes)
- Question asked whether School Council could support an “award” for the Grade 6 ceremony
- Lynne replied that there are currently four – the principal’s reward is a plaque, while another is a book with a special inscription, plus two other awards

## 7. DIRECTING MONIES

- Lynne said the CATC (Computers Across The Curriculum) meeting is next week

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- Expecting 20 mini iPads to go to each school
- May make “kits” containing 4 iPads, that can be used by classrooms
- Lynne would like a budget to take to the committee
- Some classrooms need new desktops
- All speakers have been bought
- Teachers have gotten used to the iPads this year, and really like them, and want more
- Lynne to email committee’s decisions to School Council
- Home Reading Program – last year’s french money was spent
- This year’s WEFI grant has been applied for
- Next book purchases – the list of books needed is ready
  - English books – mostly need maintenace
  - French books – still building up the library
  - Need for books in higher levels
  - Question asked about costs of books – one example is a set of 15 for \$250
- Lynne noted we are being fined for copyright infringement from the fall movie showing at the Princess Cinema
  - Approx. \$300
  - Unclear whether it’s from the movie shown at the Princess, or possibly from us advertising it on our website – they may believe we showed it at the school
- **Motion #2** Move to spend:
  - \$400 – teacher lunch
  - \$1000 – gym
  - \$5000 – I.T.
  - \$2500 – home reading (\$1500 french, \$1000 english)
  - Total of \$8900
  - Motion moved by: Adam*
  - Motion Secoded by Emily*
  - Motion passed** by all members of school council in attendance
- Future Spending
  - Expecting approx. \$1500 from final pizza orders, and possibly \$2000 from Vesey’s
  - Need to save approx. \$1000 to carry over for next year
  - Possible spending next meeting on the Grade 6 celebration and more english home reading books

## 8. ADJOURNMENT (Rebecca Guzar – Chair)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting is on Thursday May 22, 2014