

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

X	Carrie Stevenson	X	Emily Jaarsma	X	Jackie Witt
X	Cher Mamuza	X	Holly Morwood	X	Rebecca Guzar
X	Donna Martin	X	Ingrid Bachmann	X	Sairin Hayes

NON VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

X	Lynne Green (Principal)	X	Sue Tomchick (grade 6 teacher)
	Lori Peebles (Vice Principal)		

1. WELCOME (Carrie, Chair)

- Agenda distributed electronically

Motion #1 to approve Jan. 21, 2016 EZ PS Council meeting minutes

Motion moved by: Rebecca

Motion Seconded by: Cher

Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

(1) Words Out Committee (Lisa Roy, absent)

- Words Out is done for this year, thanks to everyone who helped out

(2) Greening Committee (Rebecca Guzar)

- This Saturday, April 30, at 10 am there are plans to mulch the trees in the school yard. Mulch will be delivered on Friday, and parents have been invited to participate, bringing any rakes/wheelbarrows they have
- The three new trees will be coming soon
- A watering schedule will be developed for the summer, with students doing the watering during the remaining school year
- Greening budget has approx. \$1000.00 after the trees and mulch. Ideas for that money include the elevated sand troughs and filling low areas of the field near goal posts
- Lynne said the Board may fix the field, she will ask Rob Seeley (WRDSB Site Foreperson)

(3) Fundraising Committee (Helen, Jola, Carrie)

- The last fundraiser was the Dance-a-thon, which raised approx. \$5200.00. The expected amount was \$3000.00 so this was a nice surprise. \$2700 from it was allocated to buses for field trips
- We have approx. \$2500.00 to spend tonight
- Helen and Jola will continue to be involved next year, but we need a volunteer to take care of the Treasures Books. It's approx. 10-12 hours of work over the course of a week, and they will need to come into the school for most of that time. This volunteer position has been put in Council emails and the parent Facebook page... still could be added to School Day

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(4) Outreach Committee (*chair position open*)

- The ESQ night was a big success, with a great turnout. The ESQ team does an excellent job, and are very organized and diligent. Could possibly run this again in two years with the PRO grant
- Sairin brought information about the Engineer in Residence program through the Professional Engineers of Ontario. To run it at EZ they would need a teacher liaison between the organization and the engineer. They would run modules in the school once a month that are engineering-based science activities. The teacher and engineer would be required to attend one day of training. The application needs to be submitted by May 15th to start in September. Sue Tomchick expressed interest in participating in this program

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE (Ingrid W – Treasurer)

Statement – April 28/2016

Revenue:	
General Account	\$1 518.50
Pizza	\$2 892.47*
Magazines	\$3 424.42
Danceathon	\$5 177.85
Greening	\$3 190.60
Words Out	\$ 345.17**
Total	\$16 549.01
Total Council Funds	\$11 925.26

* \$1,743.65 pizza profit from Winter

** debit adjustment of \$20.48 for expenses

4. VICE-PRINCIPAL/PRINCIPAL REPORT (Lynne Green)

- The new windows are almost complete, they are a better glazed glass to keep the heat out
- Blinds will be going up soon
- Unfortunately there is a Board standard that the windows can't be opened more than 4 inches
- The construction fence will remain since work begins the week after school ends to replace the boiler and install air conditioning in all instructional areas at EZ (not the office)
- EQAO takes place at the end of May for grades 3 and 6, and parents have been asked to plan around the dates so their children don't miss it (some make up dates available)
- Planning has begun for next year, there are lots of Kindies coming in, and one new French Immersion class. The area composite classes on the first floor will be reduced by one, for a total of three, which opens up one classroom for a different class. The two enrichment classes upstairs will be unchanged
- Continue to check the calendar on the EZ website for events, as it is being updated regularly
- The principal and vice-principal positions won't be confirmed until mid May (principals and VP's tend to be in a school 4-5 years)
- Question: Are the funds being used for field trips? Yes, some teachers have used them, and some are instead choosing to bring someone into the classroom for special events
- Question: Are the scooter racks coming soon? One was approved, but may not be installed this year. Soup money was allocated to this, and it will allow for the purchase of 1.5 racks. Will wait until mid May to see if more racks could be used. One rack holds 12 scooters and is approx. \$400
- The class who wins the Litterless Lunches prize will go to the dump on June 15

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5. CHAIR REPORT AND OTHER ISSUES (Carrie)

- Ideas for spending fundraising money:
 - Elevated troughs for sand activities (\$400 + tax)
 - Replenishing games
 - Subsidizing agendas
 - Home reading books
 - Outdoor bins of toys
 - Art workshop (KW Art Gallery)
 - Lego robotics (N/A – great news, EZ has been approved for 5 kits through the Board)
 - Buddy Bench – very trendy now, some local schools are getting them, cost approx. \$1800-\$2200
 - Workshops for parents (Carrie continuing to ask police about their seminar. They are offering to train a parent to lead it in their place, since they don't have their approvals yet.) Other workshops may need to be booked now to get them in for next year. Comment that for the approx. 20 parents who attend these events, an expense of \$800-\$1000 isn't reasonable
 - Fixing field around the goal posts and baseball diamond

Motion #2 for purchase, assembly and installation of a Little Library, up to \$150

Motion moved by: Sairin

Motion Seconded by: Rebecca

Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance

Motion #3 for purchase of galvanized trough for elevated sand play up to \$500 from Greening account

Motion moved by: Ingrid

Motion Seconded by: Cher

Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance

Motion #4 to spend \$2300 on home reading books, split evenly between English and French

Motion moved by: Rebecca

Motion Seconded by: Holly

Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance

- Jacob is arranging the parent night at the Princess Café on June 13
- PRO grant (up to \$1000.00 for events with parent engagement) needs to be decided. Suggestion to have a math evening similar to what was done at MacGregor this year. It was partially run by UofW students with different areas focused on different types of math. Lynne to contact Bryan Rankine and principal Mike Martin at MacGregor for more information
- Do we want to host a parent BBQ next September? Yes! It's usually held the third week of school. Carrie to ask Ryan if he'll do the food again this year (**Update: Ryan is available, date will be Thurs. Sept. 22 at 5:30**)
- Comment made that maybe next year Council should consider holding a March meeting. Especially when the February meeting gets cancelled, it's a big gap between meetings and momentum is lost. General agreement. Suggestion: lower quorum so meetings aren't cancelled when there aren't enough voting members available
- Lynne is working through the teacher's "Wish List" and will have it ready for the May meeting
- Lynne asked to remind the Kindie teachers to use the \$300 allocated to them from council

6. ADJOURNMENT (Carrie)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting is on Thursday May 26, 2016, 6:30 pm