

# Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

## Thursday, January 23, 2014 – Meeting Minutes

### ATTENDANCE

#### VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

#### NON VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

X	Lynne Green (Principal)	X	Tamara Awad Lobe (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: Tamara Awad Lobe

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

- Meeting Minutes distributed electronically
- **Motion #1** to approve Nov. 21, 2013 EZ PS Council meeting minutes.  
*Motion moved by:* Adam  
*Motion Seconded by:* Sean  
*Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance*

#### 3. New Secretary Needed

- Note that Farah has resigned due to work commitments, so we need a new secretary. Job entails taking minutes at meetings and distributing the file.
- Donna to fill in tonight, Ingrid next meeting.

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

##### Balances

<b>Fundraising = \$3350.55</b> (paid cookies, Princess Cinema & reimbursed two people)
<b>General Account = \$1027.06</b>
<b>Greening= \$4400.00</b>
<b>Words Out = \$1800.00</b> (all authors paid)
<b>Pizza = \$1745.00</b> (owe them approx. \$250)
<b>Approx. \$5500.00 available to spend</b>
Note – Kindergarten classes have spent \$200 of \$500 given

#### 5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

##### (1). Words Out Committee Update (Pamela Mulloy)

- **One Book One Community** book has been chosen: “The Incredible Journey” by Sheila Burnford
- Flyers have gone home with students (70 returned so far)
- Books available at Wordsworth Books for approx. \$6
- Committee meeting Sunday (Jan. 26) about program

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- **One Book One Community** events take place from Feb. 4-Mar. 4
- Students come to gym at beginning of first nutrition break, and will be put in groups (of approx. 10) including all ages
- First 20 minutes is to eat lunch, then Pamela summarizes chapters read, followed by questions/discussions within the groups, lead by the older students
- Then clean up food and begin main activity
- First week – visit from trainers and dogs from National Service Dogs
- Hoping to get an orienteering group, and a mapping exercise of Northern Ontario
- Need parent volunteers at events, for approx. one hour
- Pamela wondering about obtaining books for kids who can't afford them. Lynne said teachers can identify these kids. When the number is determined, Pamela will buy books and bring them in, and be reimbursed later.
- Pamela thinking about showing the film at the end of the sessions, but it will be too long for the nutrition break, and would cut into school time – need to discuss options with Lynne and Lori
- Pamela to email program info to Lori to put on website
- Pamela said National Service Dogs does not have a fee, but asks for donations... needs to determine appropriate amount - will ask them for suggested amount

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

- “No Update”
- Group hasn't met again – waiting for Spring
- Note – a neighbour asked about a rumour of a fence being placed half-way down the sledding hill – NOT true (possibly comes from the idea of a new outdoor classroom in the trees, with a fence within it)

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

- Dance-a-thon is Friday Feb. 21
  - Blast-off assembly is Feb. 4
  - Students can begin collecting donations now
  - Will need help counting money the day before event
  - This info needs to be added to EZ website
- Sat. Jan. 18 was movie at Princess Cinema
  - Doors were open and lights were on but no-one there
  - Employee in café contacted owner who came within 10 minutes
  - No concession stand available
  - Price suddenly increased week before – negotiated to split the difference
  - 81 attended (of 135)
  - Still a fun time
- Cookies
  - Marcel met driver and they unloaded the truck
  - Marcel back at 3:30 to distribute to students
  - One student lost her order on school grounds
  - Almost \$1800 profit
  - NorCard separated all orders for us
  - Adam asked for comparison to Veseys Bulbs (which raised \$2500) and Carrie said there were fewer errors on our part and she would do it again
  - Lynne didn't get the delivery info. until morning of delivery and had to close the gym for half a day
  - Only 1.5 skids of boxes, so they didn't really need gym – will know for next time
- Veseys Bulbs and Seeds – happening in April

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- Pizzas and Pitas: (Jackie)
  - Need one person to help tomorrow
  - Pizzas coming later for kids going skiing tomorrow (Fri. Jan. 24) – will be delivered at 3 pm, all the rest at regular time
- Pita Program: (Jackie)
  - Basically runs itself
  - Gentleman in charge is excellent

## 6. NEWSLETTER

- Dogs in the yard – message still needed – some people are still bringing their dogs on the tarmac area near kids
- VP noted that she has never been at a school that allowed dogs on the property
- Adam asked if there is a sign about dogs needing to be leashed – yes – at front of school
- Carrie asked if we can threaten to not allow dogs, if rules aren't followed, and perhaps call by-law officers
- Lynne said she'll call City of Waterloo to get details about the by-law (which pertains to leashes)
- The "not on the tarmac" rule is decided by the school, so can't be enforced by officers, but school is private property, so rule is valid
- Lynne to look into what was done about getting signs to put on portables to reinforce message
- Next newsletter will come after Dance-a-thon
- Jacob suggested setting up a gmail account for school council
- Becki said she doesn't get any emails (her address is currently used)
- Jacob said it might encourage people to email with their issues if it's anonymous
- Council agreed to change from Becki's address to a council account

## 7. VP Report (Lori Peebles)

- Character Development themes continue:
  - Dec – focus on Empathy
  - Jan – Co-operation and Working Together
  - Feb – Hope
- Jacob went on trip to Uganda and brought \$\$ raised by EZ to buy shoes for children there
- Jacob has spoken about his experiences to the Kindergarten classes and the Union of Youth
- On Feb. 13 he will speak to rest of school, divided by age groups... this will tie in with the Feb. theme of "Hope"
- EZ has Olympics Fever:
  - Thursday Jan. 30 – Olympic Assembly and Playday, lead by the Athletic Council and entire school to participate
  - Feb. 7 – Olympic Spirit Day (Opening Ceremonies day)
  - Students encouraged to wear Team Canada gear
  - EZ playing Olympics music in the mornings
  - Each class has chosen a country and decorated their doors
- Feb. 14 – Red and White Day (and Valentine's celebrations)
- Jan. 24 – Grade 5 & 6 students going on ski trip to Chicopee
- Lynne and Darryl (EA) are organizing it, with help from Mrs Cochrane
- 98 students going

## 8. TEACHERS' REPRESENTATIVE (Tamara)

- All the teachers were amazed by the generosity of the EZ Students during the 5 Days of Giving Campaign. An excellent lesson about the importance of giving, not just receiving, was demonstrated.
- Some artwork by the Kindergarten students was circulated. The work illustrated their thanks to School Council for giving money to get them outdoor play equipment.

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## 9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Lynne Green)

- Lynne commends Darryl and Joan for their work organizing the ski trip
  - Weather/wind chill will be a factor – students have been told about the importance of layers, dressing warmly, etc.
  - Chalet is very close, students will be able to go in and out
  - Lynne bringing extra mitts from Lost and Found to offer where needed
  - Adam asked what kids who aren't going will do? A: they will be put in with other smaller classes – Mme. Stuck and Mr Calder. Many children are staying home
- Parking Lot continues to be a challenge, especially in winter when the lines are covered and there are great piles of snow. Concern also raised about space for emergency vehicles to get in, if needed. Before and after school programs aren't a problem, since they are well before and after regular school times. From 8:30 on it's important that parents do not park in the lot. Even volunteers should park across the street.
- Lynne asking Board for a solution at upcoming meetings
- Please get the message out to anyone you talk to
- Dance-a-thon – staff want thought given to groupings of kids, for both amount and ages being mixed
- If parents attend they must NOT take pictures

## 10. CHAIR REPORT (Rebecca Guzar)

- Feb. 6 – speaker coming to EZ – topic “Social Networks 101 For Parents”
  - Company presenting is called Binary Tattoo
  - Cost \$300 – 90 minutes
  - Question – is this just for parents A: it's geared to parents but older children could benefit
  - If speaker does a good job, she may be brought in by the school to speak to students
- Upcoming Events:
  - ESQ – April
  - Science Fair - ??
  - Possibly Growing Bodies seminar (or maybe next year)
- Adam asked for quote to outfit the gym: speaker system, mats, floor hockey equipment, etc.
  - Becki suggested waiting for Dance-a-thon money to come in
  - Lynne to meet with Cam next week and come up with a list
- Adam asking for quotes to finish IT carts for the last two classrooms (leftover from last year) and also for speakers for all classrooms
  - We need a definite dollar amount, and must spend the money this year
- Jackie asked when does Home Reading dollars get allocated? Adam said at the last meeting of the year.
- Lynne – French home reading money (\$1500) from last year hasn't been spent yet because there was no-where to put the books. Carts are being set up soon for the books – almost ready
- English home reading books – money from last year (\$1000) was “moved over” but unsure whether books were purchased – Lynne to ask Joan
- Q: Sean – do we have a bicycle to give away for the Dance-a-thon
  - Last year every \$10 raised got the student a ballot in a draw to win a bike (\$300 value) from McPhails
  - Suggestion made to have more prizes of lesser value
  - Discussion around different ideas
  - Suggestion to give “Uptown Bucks” to be used at Uptown Waterloo businesses such as McPhails, Wordsworth, etc.
  - Also idea put forth to give one prize for every grade level at school, and every child in the school should get a ballot

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## 10. REQUEST FOR FUNDS

- **Motion #2** to approve \$200 for “UpTown Bucks” prizes for Dance-a-Thon  
*Motion moved by: Pamela*  
*Motion Seconded by Sean:*  
**Motion passed** by all members of school council in attendance

## 11. ADJOURNMENT (Rebecca Guzar – Chair)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm  
Next meeting is on Thursday February 20, 2014