

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2017 Minutes

ATTENDANCE

VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

X	Ingrid Bachmann (Chair)		Martha Norton		Gina Alderman
x	Ingrid Wessel (Treasurer)	X	Joanna Thiessen		Krissy Walker
X	Carrie Stevenson (Secretary)	X	Rebecca Calma		Russ O'Neill
	Rebecca Guzar		Ronda Werner		Alexis Motuz
X	Cher Mamuza		Erin Heimpel		Brenda Prins
	Emily Jaarsma		Becky Klokoff		Dana Zegers

NON VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

X	Lynne Green (Principal)		Sue Tomchick (Teacher)	X	Jennifer Topham
X	Sara MacNeill (VP)		Holly Morwood	X	Shemira Sheriff
X	Jola Gurska				

1. WELCOME (Ingrid Bachmann - Chair)

- Minutes were circulated via email for review

Motion to approve January 23, 2017 minutes.

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Joanna

Motion passed by: All members in attendance

Action items:

- Carrie to send all 2016-2017 council minutes to Sara so that she can post them online

2. COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

a) Greening

- Rob Seeley (WRDSB) is waiting until spring 2017 to bring in John's Nursery to replace the dead tree, after assessing the new growth (or lack of) of the other two trees.

Motion to approve spending up to \$115 from the greening account to purchase three [Treegator bags](#) for the trees that were planted in 2016.

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Cher

Motion passed by: All members in attendance

Action items:

- Becki to purchase three Treegator bags for 2017 tree watering
- Becki to coordinate mulching and clean-up in 2017
- Lynne to coordinate replacing the 2016 trees after checking which trees bloom this spring

b) Fundraising

- Dance-a-thon grossed \$5963 cash/cheques and \$1125 online
- Professor Jamz charges 20% (\$1417.60 - \$50 (glow credit) + 177.79 tax = \$1601.88)

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- Dance-a-thon net \$5442.61
- Parent volunteer, Helen Fidler, has organized the dance for a few years but her daughter is graduating so Helen won't be able to coordinate the 2018 event
- Saturday, April 22, 2017: Committee members (Joanna/Jen/Rebecca C./Jola/Carrie) are planning a combined e-recycling and garage sale where the community can reserve lawn space for a garage sale and/or drop off e-waste

Motion to approve spending up to \$30 to purchase supplies (e.g. garage sale sign, balloons, etc.) for the Earth Day event

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Rebecca C.

Motion passed by: All members in attendance

Action items:

- Source pylons to use to direct traffic around the e-recycling bin
- Jola and Carrie to coordinate the 2018 dance-a-thon

c) Outreach

- Region of Waterloo Public Health "Growing Bodies Open Minds" session for February 28 (targeted to JK-6 for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual health) was canceled because only two parents registered to attend
- Jen submitted a grant application for the "Waterloo Region Healthy Kids Community Challenge" on February 23, 2017. If selected, EZ will receive an Elkay hydration station and WRDSB will pay the installation cost. Lynne and staff will review possible locations within the school that are well-staffed.

Action items:

- For future events, volunteers should prompt EZ staff to send event reminders on particular dates to help increase reg'n
- Joanna to contact ESQ about 2017/2018 ESQ night
- Joanna to update and submit PRO Grant application by due date for 2017/2018 ESQ night

d) Words out

- Rebecca and Alexis suggested spoken word artist, [Janice Jo Lee](#), run two assemblies (grades 1-3, 4-6) focusing on issues like social justice, friendship, self-care, and community building. Lynne asked that the each assembly run for an hour at the most in early April.

Motion to approve spending \$300 from the Words Out account to host two assemblies with Janice Jo Lee

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Joanna

Motion passed by: All members in attendance

Action items:

- Rebecca and Alexis to schedule an assembly date with Janice Jo Lee and Lynne (preferably a Thursday in April)

3. FINANCIALS (Ingrid Wessel)

Balance Statement

	Opening Balance	Balance Oct 20	Balance Nov 21	Balance Jan 23	Balance Feb 27
General Account (#850)	\$5,163.74	\$5,150.22	\$5,150.22	\$5,150.22	\$5,150.22

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Pizza (#851)	\$0.00	\$4,981.25	\$4,066.25	\$2,028.05	\$4,692.65
Fundraising/magazines (#852)	\$0.00	\$5,061.41	\$2,185.52 *	\$5,058.22	\$5,110.61
Danceathon	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
Greening (#854)	\$1,648.91	\$1,648.91	\$1,648.91	\$1,648.91	\$1,648.91
Words Out (#855)	\$345.17	\$345.17	\$345.17	\$345.17	\$345.17
TOTAL	\$7,157.82	\$17,086.96	\$13,296.07	\$14,130.57	\$16,847.56
VARIANCE		\$9,929.14	-\$3,790.89	\$834.50	\$2,716.99

* Pizza payment of \$1,945.75, deposit of \$4,610.35

** Fundraising deposit of \$52.30 for Magazines

Funding Commitments:

Power of One	\$ 950.00
Scooter Rack	\$ 250.00
Kindie Ipads (3) and Chromebook charging station	\$ 2,000.00
Outdoor play (\$50 x 24 classes)	\$ 1,200.00
Board games (\$50 x 18 classes)	\$ 900.00

4. VICE-PRINCIPAL REPORT (Sara MacNeill)

- Grades 5 and 6 basketball teams have a busy few weeks approaching (games include Keats Way, Westmount, and Empire)
- Basetball teams are participating in a WLU tournament and then watching a Titans game on Saturday, April 29
- Ski trip has been rescheduled for March 10 so staff are hoping for snow!
- Jr. Geography Challenge is coming up
- Sue Tomchick has taught her students how to knit so knitting has become very popular among grades 5 and 6
- WRDSB is sending EZ 20 Chromebooks for use in classrooms
- CATC team set a goal of 5 devices (iPads/Chromebooks) per classroom (shared btwn WRDSB-issued and council purchases)
- Tech demand is rising, partly because of the increased need for voice to text devices among students

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT (Lynne Green)

- Pat Doyle (Creative Play Grounds) assessed the tarmac games and suggested repainting the existing games and adding a new circuit game (in addition to council's requested Canada map)

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- Joan Cochrane is researching triple hoop toss and scooter rack suppliers
- Logo – Rather than painting the new school logo on the gym wall, Cam Day suggested purchasing safety mats for the gym walls that have been screened with the logo so that it will be at a kid-friendly height. Lynne suggested the cost could be split between the school budget and school council. Council questioned the longevity of the mats with frequent touching by kids.

Motion to approve spending up to \$860 from the Greening account to update and enhance the tarmac painting

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Ingrid W.

Motion passed by: All members in attendance

Action items:

- Lynne to inquire about longevity of screened logo on safety mats **update: mat screening is very durable
- Lynne to coordinate tarmac painting **update: Pat Doyle has confirmed he will complete the work in spring 2017
- Joan to continue searching for scooter rack and triple hoop toss suppliers

6. CHAIR REPORT (Ingrid Bachmann)

- Volunteer still required to attend Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) meetings. WRAPSC meets once per month at Forest Heights.
- Must begin planning the June social event
- March meeting not necessary as there are no spending decisions needing to be made before April's meeting

Action items:

- Ingrid to forward monthly revenue/expenses (\$ earned/\$ spent)
- Joanna to connect with Graham Roe, owner of Berlin Bicycle Café, about hosting a private (EZ-only) June social with a \$500 budget that will include munchies
- Lynne/Sara to cancel March council meeting on the website calendar (and elsewhere if needed)
- Carrie to cancel March council meeting on Facebook

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Meetings will occur on the following Mondays:
April 24, 2017 May 29, 2017

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- Brief discussion around natural playscapes versus traditional metal structures revealed that the Mary Allen park natural structure cost about \$30,000 which is about twice the cost of a metal structure. If council wants to purchase a natural structure, planning and budgeting will need to occur well in advance of desired purchasing date.

Action items:

- Carrie to connect Jola with volunteers who are interested in organizing a garage sale
- Jen to take the Little Library home to make repairs and drill holes to allow gravel to escape
- Jen to let Lynne know when she plans to tidy the gardens to ensure it doesn't conflict with Rob Seeley's plans

9. ADJOURNMENT (Chair, Ingrid Bachmann)