

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2016 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	X	Russ O'Neill
X	Rebecca Guzar		Ronda Werner	X	Alexis Motuz
X	Cher Mamuza	X	Erin Heimpel	X	Brenda Prins
X	Emily Jaarsma	X	Becky Klokoff		

NON VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

X	Lynne Green (Principal)		Sue Tomchick (Teacher)	
X	Lori Peebles (Vice Principal)		Holly Morwood	

1. WELCOME (Ingrid Bachmann - Chair)

- Agenda shared via projector
- Minutes were not circulated to council members due to ongoing email issues within WRDSB

Action items:

- Lynne to review draft minutes before Ingrid circulates them for approval

Note: Carrie circulated the minutes via email on October 26, 2016 and moved that the group approve them electronically.

Motion moved by: Carrie

Motion Seconded by: Becki G.

Motion passed by: Joanna, Ingrid W., Russ, Cher, Becky K., and Alexis

2. COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

a) Greening – No updates

Action items:

- Lynne to follow-up with Rob Seeley about replacing the dead tree this fall or next spring

b) Fundraising

- Fresh from the Farm – net approximately \$1900. Delivery set to occur in November when 8-10 volunteers will be needed to help count, sort, and distribute the goods.
- QSP – magazine catalogue recently went home. Parents are able to order online exclusively like in years past and we expect to raise \$1000.
- Terra Cotta – batter catalogue will go home in early November with delivery of goods in early December.

Action items:

- Lori to tweet QSP info including customized like (<http://www.qsp.ca/3771318>)
- Lynne to collect and consolidate “wish list” items from teachers

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c) Outreach

- Past workshops were parent-driven based on interests and expertise. Parents are encouraged to bring forth ideas and a willingness to run with them!
- Math night possibility: Thursday, November 17, 2016

Action items:

- Lynne/Lori to meet with interested staff on Thursday, October 27 to discuss the direction/plan for a math night and then contact interested volunteers to assist in planning and implementation
- Alexis Motuz to contact Region of Waterloo Public Health to coordinate a "Growing Bodies Open Minds" evening workshop for EZ parents (program is targeted to JK-6 for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual health)

d) Words out

- In the past, this group focused on literacy-based programs and organized author visits, the One School, One Book program, and created the EZ World magazine. Unsure if any parents are interested in volunteering in 2016-2017 and Mme. Struck is about to begin maternity leave.
- Becki Guzar shared an author name with Ingrid Bachmann as a possible visiting author. Ingrid will forward the name with any parents interested in running Words Out.
- Rebecca Calma suggested a street poetry program similar to one her husband ran for youth-at-risk in Toronto that focused on literacy.
- Lori Peebles mentioned the song writing club ran by Mr. Munce in 2015-2016 as a possible tie-in to Words Out.

3. FINANCIALS (Ingrid Wessel)

Balance Statement

	Opening Balance	Balance Oct 20	
General Account (#850)	\$5,163.74	\$5,150.22	*
Pizza (#851)	\$0.00	\$4,981.25	**
Fundraising/magazines (#852)	\$0.00	\$5,061.41	***
Danceathon	\$0.00	-\$100.00	
Greening (#854)	\$1,648.91	\$1,648.91	
Words Out (#855)	\$345.17	\$345.17	
TOTAL	\$7,157.82	\$17,086.96	
VARIANCE		\$9,929.14	

* payment of \$13.52 to Carrie S

** payment to Panago approx \$350 for each of 7 more weeks

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*** deposit of \$50.39 for Mabel's Labels, \$91.02 for Magazines and \$4,920 for Fresh from Farm

2015-2016 Fundraising Totals

	Profit 2015-16	Target Goal
Treasures Books	\$1,529.95	\$1,000.00
Pizza	\$4,966.72	\$6,000.00
Mabels Labels	\$113.90	\$85.00
Pitas		\$100.00
Magazines	\$1,087.22	\$1,000.00
MacMillans	\$635.35	\$500.00
Danceathon	\$5,177.85	\$3,500.00
TOTAL FR PROFIT	\$13,510.99	\$12,185.00

4. PRINCIPAL REPORT (Lynne Green)

- Room 403 – Current ECE is about to leave as Pamela Neath is returning October 31 from maternity leave
- Room 403 – Jennifer Feere has accepted a contract at Breslau Public School so an LTO has been hired. The LTO will be finishing the school year at her current school so Jen Feere's job has been reposted.
- Maternity leave – Joanna Struck will be leaving very soon. The LTO has been hired and is ready to begin as soon as Joanna's leave starts.
- There has been a delay in purchasing many of the items council approved at the June 2016 meeting:
 - Second scooter rack (delayed due to construction)
 - Board games for each classroom (purchases are ongoing)
 - Outdoor toys and equipment for each classroom (Cam Day working on this)
 - Charging box for classroom electronics (Determining need based on reallocation from area composite classes)
 - Three iPads for exclusive kindergarten use (WRDSB IT advised against purchasing more due to iOS 10 updates – they will not support iPads purchased by council)
 - Power of One anti-bullying presentation (partial payment made, balanced to be paid later)
- EZ staff will be meeting to identify school's plans to address framework set by WRDSB's strategic plan. Three key areas are math, assessment, and student wellness. Some planned initiatives include the math night and the WITS anti-bullying program.

5. CHAIR REPORT (Ingrid Bachmann)

- Ingrid asked that parents ask questions/share concerns via ezparentcouncil@gmail.com
- Volunteer still required to attend Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) meetings. WRAPSC meets once per month at Forest Heights.
- Brenda Prins asked about Scholastic book fair and offered to help coordinate a fair at EZ based on her experience with King Edward's school council running a fair there.

Action items:

- Lynne to research current rules/guidelines governing book fairs

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Meetings will occur on the following Mondays:

October 24, 2016

November 21, 2016

January 23, 2017

February 27, 2017

March 27, 2017

April 24, 2017

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May 29, 2017

June social TBD

7. NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

- Review council's four key areas of focus identified in 2014-2015
- Share info about past projects and funding
- Ingrid Wessel requested information geared to parents on how to support their children in French Immersion. Lynne indicated she'd been in contact with Wanda West (WRDSB) about how to address the challenge of limited understanding of the French language when a deeper thinking of mathematical concepts is necessary.

Action items:

- Lori to forward a Ministry document with five key tips to help FI students to council members
- Lynne to poll staff about tips and ideas for FI parents

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- Parent requested better communication around meeting dates and times
- Parent suggested emailing council members ahead of meeting with RSVP deadline
- Parent commented on the difficulty of managing several sources of information (e.g. EZ website, teacher website, Twitter, School-Day, etc.). Lynne and Lori explained that the EZ website is the main source of general school info and Twitter is just "extra". Teachers use different resources to share info specific to their class.
- Council bylaws have yet to be created so if someone is interested in leading this project, they should speak to Ingrid Bachmann and/or Lynne Green.
- Reiterated that council's focus changes based on its membership and that it's a fairly fluid body.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Chair, Ingrid Bachmann)