

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

Monday January 15th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Heather Sequeira		Joanna Thiessen		Melissa Arcand
x	Camelia Nunez	x	Rebecca Calma		Anneliese Schwartz
x	Erin Heimpel		Emily Jaarsma		Marcel Pinheiro
x	Ingrid Bachmann	x	Meghan Bennett		Jola Gurska
x	Carrie Stevenson	x	Skye Norris		Pui Ming Leung
	Rebecca Guzar		Jon Spee		Simonne Marchesseau
	Melissa Cowburn	x	Brenda Prins		

NONVOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

x	Susan Marchiori (Principal)		Sue Tomchick
x	Sara MacNeill (VP)		Brendan Payne

1. WELCOME (Camelia Nunez)

Motion #1 to approve November 20th, 2017 EZ PS Council Meeting Minutes

- **Motion moved by: Carrie**
- **Motion Seconded by: Camelia**
- **Motion passed by all members of school council in attendance.**

2. INTRODUCTION of NEW PRINCIPAL: Susan Marchiori

Susan has been with the WRDSB since 1998 after moving to Waterloo from Toronto. All of the programs taught at EZ have been part of her educational background, from French immersion, to special Ed to the gifted program. She taught all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 8, at schools like Centennial, Keats Way, and Franklin. She was the V.P. at Linwood, and then moved on to Highland PS in Cambridge, then King Edward. This is her first Principal role.

She has very positive first impressions of Elizabeth Ziegler, including our parent community. There are so many activities running for the children at this school.

She will spend the next while getting to know the community, with a hope to build on what's already happening in the school. Susan believes all children can succeed academically and behaviourally. She cares about all children in our school, wants to ensure each child feels safe, happy, and is learning at school. If we have concerns Sara and Susan should know please reach out.

3. INTRODUCTION of PARENT COUNCIL OPERATION and PAST ACTIVITIES

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

Camelia (Chair) and Heather (Treasurer) are both new parents at the school and to parent council. Erin is new to the role of Secretary and was on Council last year. Carrie and Ingrid have been past Council members for many years, 7 and 6 respectively, and both are past Chairs. Meetings have focused on our goals, the community, what to do with the fundraising \$. *Ingrid will send a digital copy of the money we spent last school year.*

Approximately four years ago we identified 4 key areas for Council to focus on: Literacy and Numeracy, Health and Wellness, Community Engagement, and Technology.

We have an ongoing focus on parent engagement and sustainability of council. Our Facebook group is Parent Community and the group is not Board sanctioned. It seems to be a helpful tool for parents. The Twitter account from the School is helpful, as is the School website, and School Day.

We had opportunity to complete a survey in December on transportation for EZ. Carrie will re-send the link via our Facebook group, in hopes more parents will complete the survey.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Greening (Becky—not present): no update
- b) Fundraising (Carrie)
 - i) Farm to Table (Joanna): no new update
 - ii) QSP (Carrie): no new update
 - iii) Cookie Dough (Carrie): no new update
 - iv) Dance-a-thon Friday Feb 23rd Kick off is Feb 5th 2018: Carrie has the class lists and will send them to Professor Jams who will post on line so we can do online pledging. Online pledging is typically via Teacher Name. Jola and Carrie come to hand out glow bracelets before it starts and then it's run by Teachers. 2 classes go in at a time. Kids love it. This is our biggest fundraiser, the \$ are set aside for technology, and this is communicated to parents in advance.
- c) Outreach: ESQ is running March 22nd, 2018
- d) Words out (Rebecca Calma): no new update

5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Camelia for Heather Sequeira). No new update.

- a) School Council Report 2017-2018 November 20th, 2017

General Acct (850)	
--------------------	--

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

Carry Over	-1429.34
Total	-1429.34
Pizza (851)	
Sept-Dec Orders	-7096.00
Pizza Purchases (approx. \$450/wk.)	5000.00
Total	-2096.00
Magazines, etc. (852)	
Mabel's labels	-61.71
Electronic Stewardship	-384.80
Fresh from the Farm	-1356.20
Terra Cotta	-1778.00
Magazines	-390.68
Total	-3971.39
Danceathon (853)	
Deposit Cheque #99711	100.00
Total	100.00
Greening (854)	
Carry over	-470.49
Total	-470.49
q	
Words Out (855)	
Carry over	-355.60
Transferred from SC general	-1000.00
Total	-1355.60

We need clarification on the 1000.00 transferred over from the general account. **Susan will look into this.**

Update from Susan:

Shephero check was deposited from Optimist Club.

Class sports bins \$ is spent as needed. We had allocated 70\$ per class

Field Trip \$ is spent as needed and some classes combine, as they share a bus.

Games \$ was 100 per classroom and most teachers have spent the full amount

6. SCHOOL REPORT (Sara MacNeill, and Susan Marchiori)

School Improvement Plan (Susan)

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

The School Improvement Committee includes our Principal, VP and Staff who meet regularly. They've surveyed our junior students on what to do when you have a problem that needs to be solved. The teacher who led this process is willing to share the learning's with Council and will also share with teachers. Some of the focus is on academic resilience, meaning: What do you do when you have a problem to solve?

- 1) Mathematics: Focused on creating a problem solving community and resiliency in problem solving. Also looking at how we teach problem solving. Teams of teachers have been meeting to work on this. FDK team + ECE's will be meeting with school board consultants on what math looks like at JK/SK
- 2) Well-being: Staff decided to focus on resilience.
- 3) Supporting at Risk Students: Google read/write and type is being implemented to support children who struggle in these areas.

Staffing Update:

- Emily Koropatwa will start Jan 22nd, 2018 in the Gr2/3 class that was Mrs. Burdon's.
- Erica Ernst will continue in grade 4/5 class
- Report cards come home Feb 16th
- Dogs have been allowed on the grassed area where children would then meet their parents. There was an incident a week ago whereby a dog jumped onto a parent and we just want to be mindful about safety for students. Preference is that dogs don't come at entry and dismissal time, but also want to honour past practice of dogs being on the grassy area only if parents need to bring a dog.

WITS problem solving: Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help (Sara)

The school now has 36 WITS leaders, from grade 5 and 6 classes who are being trained on topics like: how to listen to kids and how to observe behaviour. This group is really engaged and learning how to lead. They will have vests and badges and they will be outside accessible to kids who might need support to solve a problem. They are to find one child each recess who is using their WITS or who worked through a problem successfully by using their WITS. This will be announced daily and their name will be in a draw at the end of the week. Mrs. Howie and Sara are trainers.

Rest EZ: Staff thought kids need time to re-set after first break. School has created a moment of mindfulness, by playing relaxing music over the PA and Sara in a very calm voice goes onto the announcements for 2 minutes. Some teachers are teaching deep breathing. Kindergarten kids are lying down to do this. Some are using starfish mindfulness: tracing the outside of their hand. This started in December and will be reviewed in the Staff meeting.

Additional Updates:

- Great assembly occurred in December to send off the retirees. Mrs. Berringer imbedded lyrics into "We wish you a Merry Retirement".
- Chicopee Ski Trip is coming up, grades 5 and 6. We need volunteers.
- PD day Jan 26th 2018
- Queens University student teachers are coming in February for their Placements.

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

7. CHAIR REPORT (Camelia Nunez)

Chair Job Description has been drafted and was reviewed. It will be sent via Email to Council for review/comment.

*Council to provide feedback to Camelia via Email on the Chair job description.
Camelia will send Secretary and Treasurer Parent Council Job Descriptions via Email for editing by council members.*

Discussed communication mechanisms:

- We could consider updating the School Council section of the website more often to enhance communication.
- Letters at the end of the year have gone home with updates of what was accomplished and what the next year will bring.

EZ Pizza Picnic planning for September 2018 is underway.

8. MEETING DATES:

FUTURE Meeting dates: Feb 26th, March 19th, April 16th, May 28th, June TBA.

Camellia will send an Email in advance of the Feb meeting to confirm attendance.

We would like to support an EZ parent business for our June Social and are considering Berlin Bicycle Café. Brenda will check with the Café to see if this would work.

9. ADJOURNMENT (Camelia Nunez)

Meeting adjourned