

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public | School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

NONVOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

x	Lynne Green (Principal)	x	Sue Tomchick
x	Sara MacNeill (VP)		Brendan Payne
x	Alice Mather		

1. WELCOME (Camelia Nunez)
2. DEMONSTRATION of NEW TECH PURCHASE--SPHEROS (Alice Mather)

Alice brought a live demonstration of a sphero to show council

- Spheros are little robots operated with an app on a device. In this live demonstration the goal was to create a block code that would tell the sphero to knock over a tower using only obtuse angles.
- The app creates a graph showing the sphero's movement. This feedback can be used to adjust the program and increase accuracy.
- Using the app, it's possible to control movement, lights and sound; it has the capability to do loops and repeats, more complicated skills.
- For younger children they can draw, it will drive it like a remote control car, and for those who have advanced past the block code, they can learn how to type in the code.
- The benefits of this kit include learning math and science applications as well as team work and the value of perseverance.
- Some use spheros to help tell a story; act out part of the story.
- The kit of 14 spheros allows for a class-wide learning activity to take place
- ***Come to the holiday event and you might see them flash fun colours and dance***

A K'Nex kit was also purchased for children to learn how to build and create structures that can be used with the spheros.

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Note: Council fundraising supported the purchase of the spheros and the K'Nex. Alice also requested funding from Kitchener Optimist club and the school was awarded \$ 500.00. These kits can be shared throughout the school.

3. FRENCH DEPT. REQUEST for FUNDS PRESENTATION (Alice Mather)

Yearly, French Teachers can apply for a \$400 grant to help students expand learning in French. Last year, the money was used to run a French carnival, the year prior it paid for a French performer. We believe the school will secure this grant again. This year the proposal is to invite bilingual story teller Natalie Vachon. She builds the story with her audience (our students). She would deliver 3 performances throughout the day to include French Immersion and Core French Students. With the opportunity to deliver 3 performances, this will allow her to tailor her performance by age/grade or by French program. We anticipate offering this during the winter, possibly in February.

Performance costs \$624 plus tax. With the \$400 dollar grant, \$305.12 is needed.

Motion #1 to approve \$306 for French language Story Telling Performances by Natalie Vachon

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Greening (Becky—not present): Bryan and Jon filled new gardens with soil for spring planting.
- b) Fundraising (Carrie)
 - i) Farm to Table (Joanna): This Wednesday the veggies/fruit arrive at 11:00 a.m. We are in need of volunteers in the GYM afterschool. Three volunteers were secured in our meeting. Thank you. We are going to use the garden wagon, and hopefully borrow one. Reminders were sent home today. We'll give families a couple of days if they forget to pick up on Wednesday, after which the food will be donated to the food bank. We do not have long term storage space for food that isn't picked up. ***Sara will tweet out a reminder for the Farm to Table pick up.***
 - ii) QSP (Carrie): We have about 500.00 in the account that will be mailed to us. ***Sara will tweet something in a week or so as magazines can be good Christmas gifts; include the link. We'll also put this on the website and School Day.***
 - iii) Melissa reminded us that Mabel's Labels has a sale for Black Friday. ***Sara will tweet this on Thursday and Friday including our link.***
 - iv) Cookie Dough (Carrie): Terra Cotta batter arrives next Wednesday Nov. 29th. We are netting about \$1785.00. We will recruit volunteers after Fresh from the Farm,

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yet would also accept volunteers anytime. ***Carrie will narrow down the delivery time to assist the school.***

v) Dance-a-thon Friday Feb 23rd Kick off is Feb 5th 2018.

c) Outreach: No update

d) Words out (Rebecca Calma): No update

5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Camelia for Heather Sequeira)

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

General Acct (850)	
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
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Words Out (855)	
Carry over	-355.60
Transferred from SC general	-1000.00
Total	-1355.60

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

b) Meet the Teacher Council BBQ (Camelia for Heather)

- Heather explored Food truck options: There are several trucks we can invite; one truck donates 10 percent of food back to the school and items range from \$5-15.00. We would probably need about 4 trucks. Availability would be Wed September 12th. It would be helpful to not have our bbq at the same day/time as McGregor; we could ask the other trucks if they would also donate \$ back to the school.
- Melissa suggested exploring if Lunch Lady or Mushroom Catering might be an option.
- Joanna suggested Panago Pizza who we already have a relationship with. 580 dogs were provided last year. We might need double the # in pizza if folks ate 2 pieces per person.

Decision: Panago Pizza. **Joanna will look into this further.**

Event will be: "Pizza Picnic and Meet the Staff Night" hosted September 12th, 2018

Lynne will ask her colleagues at McGregor about the date.

6. SCHOOL REPORT (Sara MacNeill, Lynne Green)

- Sara continues tweeting events as much as she can.
- Kindness assembly was last week celebrating Strong Start volunteers; one of whom has volunteered for 10 years at the school. Kids did a kindness dance
- This Wednesday is PINK day to promote kindness. This is a bit different from anti-bully awareness in the spring.
- November is kindness month.
- Youth are organizing 5 days of giving for December between the 11th and 15th.
- Seasonal Open House is scheduled for Dec 14th 6:30 to 7:30 during the 5 days of giving. This will be drop in style. Silent art auction will occur with proceeds going to Lutherwood for MH.
- French Immersion information meeting on Nov. 27th from 7-9 p.m. at Westmount Public School to learn how to support children who are already in a French immersion program.
- "Fancy Day" is FRIDAY; all children are encouraged to participate. Encourage your child to do something different in their attire/style to "fancy" it up a bit.
- Construction has been ongoing. Furniture moved in today. They moved into the new office space about 3 weeks ago, some unpacking continues. Much progress has occurred! Well done.
- Lynne is retiring and will finish in her role the end of December. She is pleased and honoured to finish out her career in her role at Elizabeth Ziegler. Sara will have been in her role for a year when Lynne moves on. There is a decision on a new Principal that will be official tomorrow and then can be announced. We will miss you Lynne and congratulations on this new chapter in your life.

a) Teacher Needs (Lynne):

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- Technology: There continues to be a need in many classes for technology. Devices are used as a tool. Children aren't in-front of the device all day long and the school believes in and promotes the value of physical activity and time away from screens. Sometimes the children are collaborating together using their device, and this creates movement and creative thinking. However, we don't have enough currently. They are being shared between classes etc. The chrome books, ipads are being used throughout the day in a variety of ways. Some children use this to write and an improvement in their ability to learn is observed. More staff will be trained in Google read and write.
- Teachers continue to be very appreciative for \$ for school trips. This is something council could spend \$ on at end of year.
- Other requests like learning materials, the school can manage on their own.
- Looking seriously at a colour printer
- Laminator often comes up also as a request.

Motion #2 to approve Dance-a-thon \$ to go towards technology.

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

7. WRAPSC UPDATE (Camelia Nunez)

Equitable education across income levels is an initiative supported by the government. WRAPC is asking for schools to contribute to the ideas. Goal is to equip teachers and schools with information to address equity.

- EZ has a fund, supported by the school and council for students who can't pay for all of their school trip, or other things connected to the class room program. Everyone is asked and no one is excluded because of cost
- Food program in Life Skills room provides food to a few kids throughout the day who are in need and the children can go visit this room if need be.
- Activities i.e.) open house, ESQ night gives an opportunity to engage in school and activities, there is no cost. These are for families and so no babysitting costs need to be incurred.

WRDSB wants schools to announce events through their announcement board. Cameila will start emailing our events in advance.

School Council 101 Education and roundtable to brainstorm ideas for improvement and efficiency, such as:

- coffee with council (not an official meeting but social event),
- Childcare at council meetings (high-school students could volunteer to meet their hours and enhance involvement in council). *We could add a question to our form seeking volunteers in order to determine if there is a need for childcare or if lack of childcare is a barrier.*
- Time frames for agenda items helps keep us on time. *We have been efficient.*

Parent Involvement Committee Minutes from Nov. 8th, 2017 can be viewed here:

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/board-meetings/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/Final-PIC-Meeting-Minutes-November-8-16.pdf>

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8. CHAIR REPORT (Camelia Nunez)

Approve minutes:

Motion #3 to approve October 16th, 2017 EZ PS Council Meeting Minutes

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

Larry Smith, faculty member from U of W is willing to come any time in the New Year to talk about Entrepreneurship. This could be for the junior classes and/or enrichment classes. ***Camelia will meet with Lynne to explore what this might look like.*** There could be a Communitech field trip also.

Camelia is working on job descriptions for the 3 Executive roles and will circulate this prior to end of December. We are to review and provide feedback for the January meeting.

9. Miscellaneous (Carrie): Families north of Bridgeport lost their bus except JK/SK. Students have to cross multi-lane roads like Erb, Bridgeport, Weber etc., and there are not sufficient sidewalks nor crossing guards. Some children secured courtesy busing until June and then this will be re-assessed. There is a survey that parents will be asked to do in the New Year. ***Please think about our students walking along this route as you complete the survey.

10. AGENDA ITEMS for Jan agenda will be prepared by Lynne prior to her retirement.

11. MEETING DATES:

- NEXT Meeting date: January 15th, 2018
- FUTURE Meeting dates: Feb 26th, March 19th, April 16th, May 28th, June TBA

12. ADJOURNMENT (Camelia Nunez)

- Meeting adjourned