

Elizabeth Ziegler (EZ) Public School Council Meeting

Thursday, October 16th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

VOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

NONVOTING COUNCIL MEMBERS/GUESTS

x	Lynne Green (Principal)		
x	Sara MacNeill (VP)		

1. WELCOME (Camelia Nunez)

- Agenda shared and last months minutes distributed hard copy.
- Review & approval of previous meeting minutes: Typo on Camelia's name under item #3 page1.

Motion #1 to approve Sept. 18th, 2017 EZ PS Council Meeting Minutes

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

2. CONFIRMATION of EXECUTIVE:

- Chairperson: Camelia Nunez, Secretary: Erin Heimpel, Treasurer: Heather Sequeira.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Greening

- In Sept meeting, Brendan discussed plan to expand the school garden relying on Grant funding.
- Becky plans to do a clean up and mulch this year.

b) Fundraising (Carrie)

Farm to Table: Carrie helped Hannah count \$. Net is about \$1500, down 600 from last year, when we raised \$2200. This includes online sales. Council expected a reduction. Delivery anticipated in November; date to be determined. **Volunteers will be needed.**

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QSP Catalogues: Catalogues went home with students about a week and a half ago. Orders can be done online. Last year we made about \$500.00; this year so far \$800.00 worth of orders is submitted; we earn 30%.

Cookie Dough via Terra Cotta is being run by Becky. We raised \$2300 last year; we anticipate closer to \$2000.00 this year. Forms will go home on the 18th of October, delivery November 29th. ***Volunteers will be needed.***

Dance-a-thon is scheduled for Feb 23rd, 2018. Lynne suggested we may want to consider dedicating this \$ to mobile tech resources to support the classrooms. EZ computer lab was closed last school year, and tech is now integrated in the classrooms. It would be great to have mobile devices for about half of the students per classroom.

Pizza is a monthly fundraiser throughout the year.

Volunteers will be needed between 3-5 p.m. for both Cookie Dough and Farm to Table. Council will post volunteer requests on our Facebook page and seek the school post on School Day + Twitter.

Fundraising GOALS:

- We raise roughly \$12,000 per year and council collectively takes on responsibility to apply \$\$ to various committees and other requests from teachers/principal/students.
- Teachers tend to be keen to have dedicated \$ for field trips.
- Last year we funded things like: scooter racks, re-painting tarmac, technology, words out poetry.
- Teachers need some time to know their students, consider their classroom needs; Lynne takes on collating ideas and making recommendations.
- Council can expect to discuss on a monthly basis our fundraising efforts and spending opportunities.
- Some targeted fundraising is helpful for parents so they know in advance where the money they donate will go;
- And it's useful to balance this with available funds that we can dedicate to new ideas + opportunities throughout the year.

c) Outreach

- Has a community focus, bringing school, parents and children together. Some past activities included: nutrition night, ESQ night, parent social.
- Joanna is organizing ESQ night. March break is 12th to 16th; we will aim to schedule ESQ Thursday March 22nd, 2018. *More details to follow.*
- Science Fair is expected May 10th or 17th.

d) Words out (Rebecca Calma)

- Last year Janet Lee, poet, spoken word artist/community activist delivered 2 presentations last Spring.
- We could pursue this for 2017/2018 school year.
- She focused on inclusion and belonging, involving visual arts and music in her delivery.

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4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Heather Sequeira)

- Heather is working with Joan on our financials.

School Council Report 2017-2018 October 16, 2017

General Acct (850)	
Carry Over	-1429.34
Total	-1429.34
Pizza (851)	
Sept-Dec Orders	-7096.00
Pizza Purchases (approx. \$450/wk)	1289.75
Total	-5806.25
Magazines, etc (852)	
Mabel's labels	-61.71
Electronic Stewardship	-384.80
Total	-446.51
Danceathon (853)	
Deposit Cheque #99711	100.00
Total	100.00
Greening (854)	
Carry over	-470.49
Total	-470.49
Words Out (855)	
Carry over	-355.60
Transferred from SC general	-1000.00
Total	-1355.60

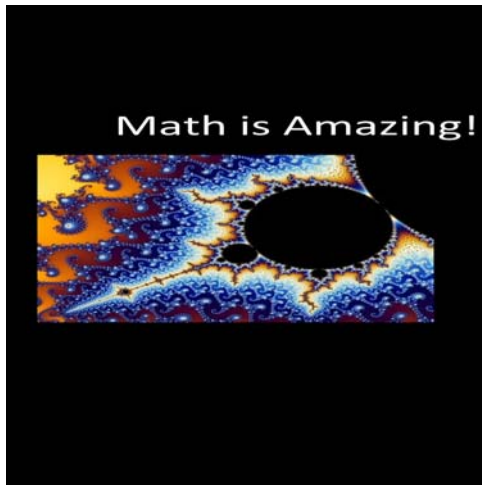
5. SCHOOL REPORT (Sara MacNeill, Lynne Green)

Kick off MATH Assembly October 16th, 2017

- "Dan the Math Man" professor at UofW motivated our students by sharing his excitement about how "Math is amazing!!" He talked about connections between math and music, sports, cooking, and the golden spiral.
- He taught math puzzles by helping students to think outside the box and have freedom to share ideas rather than feeling a need to get the "right" answer.

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- We want to develop confident problem solving throughout the day, and develop understanding that there are multiple solutions to a problem. Solving puzzles collaboratively makes Math FUN.



Next Steps:

- There will be a weekly school wide math puzzle for students to solve. Students are encouraged to collaborate and solve these in creative ways.
- Thursday morning thoughts will be posted, and classes will come through to reflect on the ideas.
- Classrooms will continue in their own math learning.
- Although the tool used is math, this links to WITS, by practicing how we solve problems. Teachers will learn what strategies their students are using and to help in their planning.
- *Watch Twitter for posts on the weekly math puzzle. Some weeks the puzzle may not be about math. **Twitter Account: @EZieglerPS***

Note:

- Teachers watched a video of Jo Boaler, math educator in California, and are using some of his resources. Jo Boaler's work provides context for the math puzzles along with the link to perseverance/wellness.

To DO: Lynne and Sara will bring Jo Boaler's video for council to see at our next meeting.

Family Math Night:

- Will occur in the Winter 2018 separately from the Seasonal Open House this year.

Fall Play Day:

- Will occur during the middle part of the day on Halloween.
- Students will be encouraged to wear costumes with awareness of culture appropriation.
- Masks won't be worn as students travel around the school, weapons are not permitted.
- It can be helpful when very special costumes are saved for Halloween night so pieces are not inadvertently lost at school.
- Students will be encouraged to bring healthy snacks to share with their classroom.

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- ****Always be cautious of nuts & sesame seeds knowing there are often children in school with nut & seed allergies.*
- Home baking is welcome please share the ingredients with the teacher.
- School is encouraging fresh and raw food choices.
- Teachers will share specifics with their classrooms

Renovation Update:

- The floors in the new office are re-finished.
- There is a one week delay on the staff room as this floor needs to be re-laid.
- Millwork is being installed in the offices
- Wednesday movers come with furniture for our secretaries; movers will also move the office out of the library.
- On Thursday the goal is to welcome people into the new space.
- There will be ongoing work i.e.) baseboards, painting etc.
- An overhang will be installed over the door to guide folks to the office.
- They are looking into banners to also help folks know where to find the office.
- Outside the office a whiteboard will be installed with the announcements posted so students have a place to check for the daily news/information.
- Above the bench will be an ART Gallery in honour of Mrs. Kennedy.
- A permanent display case of EZ relics will also be available for viewing.

6. WRAPSC UPDATE (Camelia Nunez)

- Our school council email is on WRAPSC mail list; we receive minutes and invitations. They also have a FACEBOOK page where info can be accessed.
- We don't have anyone attending so far. Meeting frequency is 1x per month.
- Camelia is going to attend the next meeting to assess our need to participate or if receiving minutes will suffice.

7. CHAIR REPORT (Camelia Nunez)

- Camelia is learning her role, supported by Carrie and Lynne.
- Camelia's goal is to write job descriptions for each role of the Executive to assist in yearly recruitment. Camelia will work with Lynne and other former executive council members.
- Camelia plans to prepare an introductory PP presentation on school council that can be shared from year to year.
- Camelia plans to work on organizing an event(s) on entrepreneurship + problem solving with a link to the University. She is exploring the possibility of engaging a Prof from UofW to help with this. Tech Start-ups may also be invited to participate.
- Suggestion: we may also want to look into Junior Achievement and the link to entrepreneurship.
- For several years, Ryan has been responsible for our parent council BBQ that coincides with Parent/Teacher open house. His daughter will graduate this year and so September 2017 was his last event. Ryan has done an amazing job Thank you Ryan ☺ He prepared 580 dogs this year and we did not sell popcorn. He has discouraged food trucks as the # of trucks needed to manage our volume of attendees is high. Other

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schools have food trucks and are booking this now for next year—cost for food would be more expensive for families. Line-ups can be an issue but can be alleviated if the open house hours are longer than one hour. We may want to keep it simple and not have this as a fundraiser as it's a new venture for us to go alone without Ryan.

TO DO: Heather Sequeira will explore BBQ options; Ingrid will link her to the VP at McGregor.

- Volunteer recruitment: We have enough Pizza volunteers and turned some away. However each fundraising event needs volunteers and we will need to recruit. Defining the help needed and the time frame helps attract volunteers. We used Facebook, School Day to recruit.

TO DO: Council to Send Lynne and Sara reminders about our volunteer needs. They will mobilize School social media. They will also remind our children to ask their parents to help.

6. AGENDA ITEMS for NOVEMBER:

- September BBQ
- Tour of Office
- Review key items from teachers/school

8) MEETING DATES:

- NEXT Meeting date: November 20th, 2017.
- FUTURE Meeting dates: January 15th, Feb 26th, March 19th, April 16th, May 28th, June TBA

9) MISCELLANEOUS:

- Where are we at with the \$2000.00 set aside for mindfulness/tech resource? ---this is being explored by a Teacher who we expect will come forward next month to parent council. They are looking at mindfulness + tech kits that will be actually useful.
- Triple hoop toss now has a spot. Grounds have done a lot of work this Fall. Lynne is expecting the pole to be installed in the very near future.
- Proposal that Farm to Table \$ be dedicated to Buses for Field Trips. We gave \$150 per class totalling \$3200 last year. We have fewer classes this year totalling 19. We could provide up to \$2500 to either support the children in each class going on a field trip or teachers bring someone in to present to their students. If need be, we can revisit this again later given we are deciding early with not as much funds available. The \$ helps off-set the cost for all families and in particular those needing this kind of support.

Motion #2 to dedicate up to \$2500 (\$1000 from the General Acct and \$1500 from Farm to Table) for Field Trips.

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

10) ADJOURNMENT (Camelia Nunez)

- Meeting adjourned