

EZ School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Meaghan Gibbons
Jennifer Topham
Jo Thiessen
Hilory Steffen
Katrine Barington
Melinda
Amy Humphrys (Principal)
Farida Jamal (Vice Principal)

1. Welcome
2. Police checks for school volunteers - \$20 and lasts for one year, required for volunteers at the school and for field trip chaperones. Amy says everyone in the building should have this record check. If adult is in direct supervision by the teacher then it would not be required eg. A parent coming in to do a short presentation to a class and the teacher is always in the room.

Form needs to be filled out – includes reference check and application. Amy will send the form to parents on council and Farida will put it on School Day.

Hilory's suggestion is to earmark some funds (\$400) to help cover this cost so that being a volunteer is accessible to everyone.

Motion to approve \$400 worth of vulnerable police record checks for this school year (approx. 20 police checks). If we require more money in the future we can re-visit this.

Approved by all voting members present.

3. Motion to approve May meeting minutes - Voted in favour by all voting members.

Motion to approve tonight's Agenda - Voted in favour by all voting members

4. Financial Update – information not available because of the cyber incident – this info cannot yet be re-accessed

5. Executive Roles – Hilory put her name forward for the position of Chair and was the only person who volunteered to take on this role and therefore has been acclaimed.

Katrine Barington volunteered to be Treasurer.

Jo Thiessen offered to be Secretary and Jen Topham offered to be back-up Secretary.

6. Meeting dates – October 17, November 28, January 30, March 6, April 24, May 29.
7. Event Planning – Amy says there are no restrictions for the school year in terms of people getting together in the school. The only issue for fundraising right now is that School Day is not up and running for accepting money.

Grocery gift cards – we have fundraised for these in the past and Farida says there is already a need for these this year. Meaghan organized this in the past by putting out the word to the local neighbourhood. Amy to ask about the parameters around having larger companies donate gift cards for families in need eg. Walmart.

Hilory asking about the possibility of doing a community pantry of non-perishable food items at the school that can be accessed by EZ families if they need it – Amy to look into this.

Amy says that if we wanted to host an outdoor clothing swap this Autumn we would be able to do this at the school gym.

8. Vice Principal/Principal report (Farida Jamal, Sara MacNeill)

Significant increase in students since last year – 480 students this school year registered so far. Lots of families who are new to the community and new to Canada.

Terry Fox run raised over \$2000. Great to see families out there running with their kids.

Meet the Staff Night – so great to be back in the building and see the school!

Truth and Reconciliation Day this week – Sept. 30th – assembly. Pre-teaching in the classroom so that students know what to expect and the ethics of being in an assembly like this. Assembly involves a Land Acknowledgement, a book reading, a video. We want to include this Land Acknowledgement at every assembly. This is our first all school assembly since pre-Covid. There will be an activity

presented at the assembly that will be completed back in the classroom afterwards.

There are 16 Trailblazers – they went through a training process and helped out with the Terry Fox Run. Great leaders!

9. Adjournment – Next Meeting October 17, 2022.