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Empire School Council Minutes December 9, 2015. 7:00 PM

Members Present: Shannon Berkhuisen, Rachel Thompson, Karen Madsen, Kelly Wilkinson, Wenbin Peng, Steph Hector, Beth Angle, Erica Hind, Marwa Gad, Jess Gilbert (teacher)

Members Absent: Patrick Madsen, Sue Sherifali, Moumita Roychowdhury, Jackie Sieber, Dan Enns, Lindsay Blashill, Caitlin MacGregor, Colleen Ridley

Item	Action Item
1. Welcome and Introductions	
2. Approval of October meeting minutes - approved by Erica, seconded by Beth	
3. Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising Committee to send an update on our donations to date from the direct ask. Another push will be made prior to Winter Break for donations to be made to teachers in lieu of Christmas gifts. a. Book Fair/Science Night - Rachel/Erica <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 7 is the Book Fair and Science Night. Rachel will provide an update in January. b. Dining Out Nights - Steph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess Gilbert to send email to teachers to confirm they are ok with donations in lieu of gifts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To date we have made \$475.00 with Boston Pizza Community Night. We will continue to go forward with this. <p>c. Spirit Wear – Beth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beth to contact several companies for pricing. Plan to have Spirit Wear on hand for Movie Night in the spring. Discussed selling Spirit Wear at February parent interviews <p>d. Move A Thon - Karen</p> <p>Scheduled for March 11th. Karen will confirm a DJ when all possible fees have been reviewed.</p> <p>e. Labels - Rachel</p> <p>Rachel has done research comparing Mabel’s Labels vs Loveable Labels. Council made a motion to proceed with Loveable Labels. Details to be sent home with kindergarten packages in the future. A link will be made available online.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kelly to look into dates for Movie Night ● Karen to select a DJ within our budget
<p>4. Finance report - Wenbin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wenbin reviewed the budget ● Highlights: Council currently has \$55,543.01 of funds available. \$5880.67 in donations have been made towards the playground after the direct ask ● Wenbin has agreed to train a council member for next year for the Treasurer position 	
<p>5. Playground Committee Update - Karen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council members voted to put forward the request for the playground to the school board. Council also agreed to reduce the number of trees to reduce the cost, and continue to investigate grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kelly to complete paperwork for grants/playground submission ● Karen to email Preston for a possible “dig date”
<p>6. Council Calendar of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fun Fair scheduled for June 14th. Silent Auction planning will begin in January. 	

<p>7. Principal/Vice Principal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 16th- progress reports will go home• December 17th- Kindergarten Open House• December 18th- Pyjama Day• French Immersion Night December 14th• Snowman Soup sales ongoing	
<p>8. Parent questions and concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None brought forth	
<p>9. Adjournment - Next meeting: Wednesday, January 13th @ 7pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion from Erica; seconded by Steph	