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## **Empire School Council Agenda**

### **Feb. 8, 2017. 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Andrea, Jess, Louise, Lindsay, Rachel, Jen, Helga, Kelly, Caitlin, Karen and Karen

- 1) **Welcome and introductions**
- 2) **Approval of January minutes**
  - Revision to item 8: Amy will give permission for use of photos from Sesame
  - Approved and Karen will post on website
- 3) **One Book One School (Jen Love)**
  - One Book One School = a voluntary book club for kids with planned activities about it
  - "Flora and Ulysses" has been chosen; accessible for all ages, heroine likes graphic novels, crosses over to coming books.
  - Timing: ordering materials late February. Will start in end of March/early April.
  - Two experts to participate and have session: Scott Chandler will come to do a session of graphic design/novel and flying squirrel specialist from U of Guelph
  - Motion approved to allocate funding for program in concept (from Parent Council and/or pizza)
- 4) **Support for Refugee Families (Helga Zielke)**
  - Discussed new refugee families coming into the schools and some possibilities for supports
- 5) **Events/Fundraising**
  - a) **Fit Fest report (Amy)**
    - About 300 kids attendees, all had fun
    - Congratulations to Amy for leading, plan to repeat again next year (good timing in the winter b/c people we couped up), stayed in budget

**b) Holiday Fundraiser – proposals for funds (Karen)**

- Suggestion for holiday fundraising money collected in December to purchase recess kits from School Specialty
- We have 25 classes total (20 without kindergarten)
- \$1448.62 total cost for 24, \$1406 earned by December fundraiser
- Motion approved to provide \$1448.62 (plus additional funds for sidewalk chalk)

**c) Dining out – Beer Town Feb. 22 (Lindsay)**

- Event details are set and flyers to go out Feb 9

**6) Finance Report (Rachel)**

- Rachel reviewed the finances year to date.
- Home reading commitment from last year has not been withdrawn yet
- Motion to approve \$1000 in concept for school lunches for refugee families
- Discussed commitment to families to purchase technology, start with quotes for projector brackets to be installed

**7) Principal / Vice Principal Reports**

- School Day sign ups went out – we are not at 50% uptake yet
- In order for teachers to make those most of the program and minimize duplication, they want most of the kids to be signed up
  - Possible to have Chrome books for parents to sign up for School Day at book fair and kindergarten registration?
- New teacher coming in for French Immersion coverage and one EA going on maternity leave
- Eastwood Collegiate Troop coming to do a play

**8) Parent questions and concerns**

**9) Adjournment**

**Next meeting Mar 8**

Items to carry over:

- Refugee family support
- Begin to plan April dining out event

## School Event Calendar

November	9 - Parent Council Meeting 18 - PD Day / Parent-Teacher Interview 30 - Boston Pizza Social Night
December	8 - Math Night 14 - Parent Council Meeting
January	18 - Parent Council Meeting 26 - Sports Night 27 - PD Day
February	8 - Parent Council Meeting 22 - Beertown Social Night
March	8 - Parent Council Meeting 10 - Move A Thon
April	4,5,6 - Book Fair 6 - ESQ Night 7 - PD Day ? - Dining out night 12- Parent Council Meeting 20 - National Volunteer Day

For next years report:

- Keep Fit Fest in the calendar for next year

Move-a-thon is March 10<sup>th</sup>