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Empire School Council Agenda

November 8, 2017. 7:00 PM

1) Welcome and Introductions

Mary Lou, Trisha, Liz, Janet, Tori, Rachel, Eric, Louise, Karen, Jessica, Bryan, Justin, Justin, Shelley, Krista

Regrets: Lindsay, Paul, Rochelle, Kim, Jane, Steph, Andrea, Shannon, Amy, Erica

2) Approval of October Minutes

Motion Passed to Approve the minutes with the following changes:

- Email voting happens in between meetings when quorum is needed. Ms. Mohr will be cc on these emails.
- We have \$4500 to be donated to Technology.
- Charitable works account is for helping other school councils in need and for unexpected internal needs.

Approved

3) Principal / Vice-principal Reports

- Ms. Chadwick will be teaching the English half of the day in Room 11 Gr. 3 mornings and will cover primary/kindie-planning time in the afternoon.
- MLLÉ MacKinnon is retiring after 27 years of teaching (all at Empire PS).

Motion passed to purchase \$50 gift for Mlle MacKinnon's retirement

Approved

- Mlle Bauman starts Dec 1 in Gr. 1 FI. She is coming from Sandowne as a contract teacher.
- Miss Pellowe is teaching the English half of Gr. 5F and 4/5 F in P6.

- Mrs. Wentworth is teaching the new grade 4/5 class that has moved to P10.
- Progress reports go home Monday November 13, 2017.
- Friday November 17th is a PD day. Teachers will focus on Mathematics', mindfulness and at-risk students, in the morning. The afternoon is dedicated to parent teacher interviews.
- School Activities include: Compassion Assembly, Mindful Monday's, Remembrance Day Assembly, Swim to survive, Toasty Toes, Food Drive and Volleyball.

4) **Finance Report**

- Rachel reviewed a modest budget for the 2017/2018 year.

Motion passed to approve 2017/2018 budget. APPROVED

5) **Kindergarten Data Projectors Purchase**

- Ms. Mohr discussed possible uses for the projector brackets.
- All 5 brackets are expected to cost \$12000.00
- Parent Council discussed extra fundraising this year to raise the full \$12000.00
- Louise and Karen will head up the fundraising efforts

**Motion passed to raise money for all the projectors this 2017/2018 year.
Approved**

6) **Events / Fundraising**

- Spirit wear, we will use R and S screening, they are local, good quality, many choices and they do most of the work.
- We will sell Spirit wear at the Fit Fest (Jan 25th) and it should be added to the Fit Fest Flyer so parents will know how and when to order.
- When Janet chooses the clothing options for the spirit wear we will have an email vote to choose clothing items.
- Organic Kids catering is currently only dealing with school boards and is not an individually catered opportunity.
- Nutrition for learning will be coming to our school.
- School council will help to fund Nutrition for Learning with 25% percentage of the profits from ESNS up to \$1000. As well as all the donations for "feed another child at your school" on the ESNS website. Justin will see if he can add to the ESNS website that we will donate the "feed a child from you school" donation money to Nutrition for learning.
- They provide snacks like milk and cheese. They provide a fridge to keep the food cold. Staff will take orders from the class and send child volunteers to go pick up the food for

the whole class from the fridge. The whole class is encouraged to participate in consuming the food including teachers.

- We may need approximately 8 volunteers for taking inventory for Nutrition for Learning.

**Motion passed for the Parent Council to fund Nutrition for learning.
Approved**

- 3 dinning out nights: Nov 27, at Boston Pizza, Jan or Feb, Beer Town and we are looking at Almadina for our 3rd night

Motion passed to approve dinning out options. APPROVED

- Parent Council listened to the teachers wishes and determined that the 2016-2017 holiday fundraiser would put towards recess kits for the classrooms.
- The money that was received for this past fundraiser was \$1834.74 to be put towards recess kits and sidewalk chalk.
- The order was finally made in June 23.
- They arrived on October 18.
- We have received such wonderful feed back, one class set photos and a video to Parent Council.
- Sidewalk chalk still needs to be purchased.
- Thank you to Karen, Louise and Mrs. Hart for all your efforts to make this happen.

7) Parent Questions and Concerns

Motion passed to add \$100 to the administrative staff appreciation account for custodial appreciation.

Approved

- Oct 2nd is Custodial Day.

8) Adjournment

The December meeting has been cancelled.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2018