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## **Empire School Council Minutes**

### **September 19, 2018. 7:00 PM**

#### 1) **Welcome and Introductions**

**Present:** Shelley Croth, Tori Walker, Rachel Thompson, Jen Clary-Lemon, Brian Rankine, Ashley McKinnon, Rochelle Knox, Sara Clarke, Amanda Wickstead, Nicole Dore, Micheline Lang, Shannon Berkhuizen, Erica Hind, Aynsley Hickey, Krista Mohr, Andrea Ahrens, Mary Lou Roe, Justin Faulkner, Jessica Gilbert.

#### 2) **Role of School Council**

Reasons to be on School Council:

You will be more informed, you will be connecting with other families and staff and you will feel more involved. Coming to the meetings gives you a better understanding of the activities School council organizes. We also support other schools that need assistance. We have raised funds to build the natural playground, the garden space and the technology advancements in the kindergarten rooms along with so many other things.

FYI for new members: We maintain a reserve fund of \$3000 each year so that the new council each year has money to start the year efficiently.

#### **Membership requirements for voting members**

It is an expectation that voting members attend as many meetings as possible. School council needs enough members at each meeting to make quorum to make decisions. Quorum is 51% of membership. This year we have 17 voting members.

**Events we have organized to raise funds and to encourage a sense of community in our School include:**

- Fit Fest
- Move-a-thon
- ESQ Science and Math Night
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Dinning Nights Out,
- Year-end Picnic
- Appreciation Events for all Empire staff.
- Holiday Fundraiser
- School Lunches
- Spirit Wear
- Coffee Fundraiser

#### **School Council Sponsored**

- Grade 6 Camp
- Nutrition for Learning
- One Book One School
- Technology Funds
- Playground Maintenance

We ended the 2017-2018 school year with a surplus.

### **3) Election of New Council**

- a) Chair Amanda Wickstead
- b) Voting Members: Tori Walker, Jen Clary-Lemon, Ashley McKinnon, Rochelle Knox, Sara Clarke, Nicole Dore, Shannon Berkhuizen, Aynsley Hickey, Andrea Ahrens, Mary Lou Roe, Justin Faulkner.
- c) Secretary: Shelley Croth
- d) Treasurer: Micheline Lang
- e) Fundraising Coordinator: Nicole Dore
- f) Communication/Media Rep: Erica Hind

g) WRAPSC Rep: Sara Clarke

**4) Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

The May 8, 2018 meeting minutes were approved with the following correction: Change Agenda in the Title to Minutes.

**Motion Passed**

**5) Guest Angelica Allen from WRAPSC**

Angelica Allen spoke about the advantages of being a WRAPSC rep and the time commitment involved. There are 120 schools participating in the WRAPSC. They meet 6 times a year for 2 hours each, to discuss issues relevant to all the schools involved. They have presentations like John Bryant discussing what direction the Board is going. The new sex education program was introduced to the group and they were encouraged to ask questions. You will also get information from other schools and school boards about fundraising and new programs like the new math strategy. First meeting is at Forest heights on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The following meetings are held on the first Tuesday of November, January, February, April and May. Our email [emp-schoolcouncil@wrapsc.ca](mailto:emp-schoolcouncil@wrapsc.ca)

**6) Proposal of Next Meeting Dates**

- October 10, 2018 at 6:30pm
- November 14, 2018 at 6:30pm
- January 9, 2019 at 6:30pm
- February 13, 2019 at 6:30pm
- April 10, 2019 at 6:30pm
- May 8, 2019 at 6:30pm
- June 12, 2019 at 6:30pm

A vote was taken to move our meeting start time from 7:00pm to **6:30pm**.

**Motion Passed**

**7) Principle / Vice Principle Reports**

- Class lists were posted on School-Day this year instead of posting on the school building itself. There were some problems to iron out but all in all it went well.
- Meet the teacher night was successful.
- The Map we have in the front hallway of Empire that celebrates where we all are from around the world was tweeted out. The radio station Chym picked up on it and has done

an interview with Ruth-Anne Hamel. Krista and Brian will let us know when it will be broadcasted.

- Thursday September 20, is the Terry Fox run
- Friday is our first PD day of the year. Staff will be focusing on our school success plan. ECE teachers will be attending this PD day as well.
- Nutrition for learning begins again on September 24, 2018.
- The Spirit Assembly series begins Sept 26, 2018. There is a team deciding on what theme to focus our assembly's on this year. Parents are welcome to attend Spirit Assembly's.
- Grade 5 and 6 will be attending first people's festival on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 6 will participate in community building at camp Ki-Way-Y Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We had to quickly reorganize a grade 4 class and a grade 3 class into two  $\frac{3}{4}$  split classes.
- We have a lot of new staff this year:
  - Ms. Shayna Arnott - DECE in K1
  - Ms. Lauren Dalton – DECE in K4
  - Ms. Jessica Pellowe – PM in room 15/Grade 1
  - Ms. Leslie Duguay – PM in room 20 (Gr  $\frac{1}{2}$ )
  - Ms. Kei Ganaha – room 14 (Gr 2 FI English half)
  - Mlle Abigail Thomson – Room 13 (Gr 2FI and Gr 2/3 FI)
  - Mrs. Meggi Marschall – room 11 (Gr 3FI – English half)
  - Ms. Christine Robertson – P6 (English half of Grade 4/5 and 5FI)
  - Ms. Angela Duquette – ABLE class room 7
  - Mrs. Tara Hall – EA
  - Ms. Shari Frey - EA
- A new accessible bathroom was installed over the summer.
- The Special Education room is now in the old computer lab. The special education room is now a place for teachers to complete their planning time.
- Walk to school day:
  - We had a traffic assessment done to evaluate safety and traffic congestion as well as cyclist, scooters and walkers around our school.
  - Walk to School Day will be taking place on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The purpose is to encourage more families to walk to school. A route will be mapped out on that day and it will be shared with the families so that everyone can walk to school with a police officer on that day. We hope to reduce the congestion and improve the safety of everyone around Empire.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm  
Next meeting is October 10, 2018