

Forest Hill School Council Minutes  
January 12, 2016

Attendance – Laura, Kelly, Laurie, Andrea, Mr. Berndt, Mr. Hughes

Financial report

- Main account balance Dec. 31: \$7147.37
- Treasures Books net income: \$2770
- TreeGeneration - no action. Balance: \$4690.48
- Need to renew signatures on bank account – need 2 of: treasurer, principal, secretary, a head from council

School update

- Focus on safety, especially with current slippery conditions. Working with bus patrols and crossing guards wrt safety, to stay back from the road, etc. They're doing an excellent job.
- A parent of 2 students in Mrs. Burjoski's class has passed away. Laura will check what donation we have given in similar situations in the past. All in favour to show support for the family.
- First 2 Syrian refugee students will be coming to our school next week. Don't yet know how many are coming to Forest Hill. Letter will be going home re how we can help. Don't know if we'll do fundraising.
- Job action basically finished. Teachers done locally. EQAO testing will happen.
- There will be an additional PD day this year that was negotiated by the teachers' union.
- Mayor Berry Vrbancovic is coming on January 19 to see our snack program.
- Fundraising Gala for snacks April 21
- February 4-16 chocolate bar sales
- Report cards February 19
- February 10 skiing (Grade 6), March 4 tubing (Grade 1-5)

Support Syrian families

- Letter explaining refugees is being sent home, if families want to support. Refugee needs will be dependent on who brings the family in (if church sponsors vs. government). Council can give them backpacks, school supplies? Or donate money to fundraising that's being done. Or just wait for now, talk to Devinder Bansal. Motion to put \$200 for ESL teachers to use for now, if anything else comes up, let us know. Laura motioned, Kelly seconded, all in favour.

Movie night proposal (January 22)

- \$75 for popcorn and chips, glow sticks – all in favour
- March 4 movie night moved to April 1 - all in favour

Greening committee update

- Quote re walk from Stonybrook (Tom Schaefer & sons) – n/a yet. Over 380 ft, similar to walkway on other side (8 ft wide); base is 9 ft wide, deep gravel base; about \$15-20,000. Need 3 quotes for tendering. Companies must be board-approved.

School council handbook update

- Written 2002. Gives roles of people on committee; tips for chair on how to run meetings; timeline for school year, things to do certain months, goal planning, deciding events; input and info on school action plan; templates for letters council sends home; surveys.
- Do we have a council brochure to provide information to other parents?
- "Council should have 9 – 15 people."

PRO grant funds discussion

- Still have \$300 left for this school year. Need to get event approved by Jamie at the Board.
- Open house, together with teachers? Don't know if anything is planned. In May there will be a Kindergarten information night. A musical is planned this spring.

- Event can be at another location, eg Chandler Mowat centre; or join other schools' council events. Ask WRAPSC who the chairs in neighbouring schools are, or call the school.
- **Action item:** Laura and Kelly will connect with chairs from Trillium Public School and other schools; also with Forest Hill United Church

Bussing for Chicopee

- All in favour that council pay for bussing to Chicopee (approx. \$1100, February and early March)

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm

Next meeting Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>