

Forest Hill School Council Minutes
November 10, 2015

Attendance – Fiona, Laurie, Laura, Kelly, Andrea, Mr. Berndt, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Arsenault

Welcome and introductions

Financial report - Laurie

- Available amount in main account \$11,947.69 less about \$4700 for Treasures books invoice.
- Balance in TreeGeneration account \$4703.96

PRO Grant Funds Discussion

- We still have about \$300 left for this school year – do another talk? Discussion: perhaps have an event in the gym, have reps from groups come eg. KPL (ESL, other languages), dental health info if you can't afford to pay, shopping tips. Perhaps combine event with eg. Open House when parents come to see what kids are doing in school. Or, use to pay for a translator for translating various info sheets into several languages.
- **Action Item:** discuss in January.

Fundraising goals

- Walkway from Stonybrook is very important; need to get quotes for this. The Board would not give money for this project.
- Van Oordt Landscaping is willing to donate a load of mulch - - get them to do jobs here?
- Teachers would like more homereading books – ca. \$5 / book
- Chromebooks, iPads ca. \$300 each
- More sports equipment (soccer balls, skipping ropes)
- **Action Item:** Kelly and Laura will read Council Handbook to see if they give tips and ideas. Discuss in December.
- Treasures Books fundraiser is lots of work to run. We should discuss before we decide for 2016 if we need to handle this differently. Send 'opt-in' form home? Tracking sheet for teacher? How handle distribution?
- **Action Item:** discuss in April (30 min.).

School update – Mr. Berndt and Mr. Hughes

- Tim Hortons is paying for Grade 6 camp – week after Family Day
- Tubing and ski trip is planned for Gr 1-6
- Planning more spirit wear, week of Winter Concert.
- Madame Roch, the junior French teacher, has left our school. Currently have a supply teacher, will get new teacher next week.
- Sidewalk at driveway entrance will be installed on Friday – better visibility, safety for students crossing driveway.
- Job action: teachers have a tentative deal. Secretaries and custodians still have job action.
- Nutrition for Learning going very well. They have someone helping distribute Mon, Wed, Fri mornings. Still looking for volunteers for Tues and Thurs mornings, 9:10 – 9:30am. Three churches are helping prepare food.
- School admin, as well as some classes, are now tweeting information.
- Have 52 web subscribers. “Subscribe and win” draw in December, have prizes from Giant Tiger, Zehrs, FreshCo, Mel's Diner. Need to inform parents that the website can get translated with Google Translate.
- December 8 Winter Concert

Movie night Nov. 20

- Request submitted for \$100 for supplies. Request approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Next meeting December 1.