

Forest Hill School Council Minutes
March 7, 2017

Attendance – Kelly, Fiona, Laurie, Virginia, Lea, Andrea, Mr. Berndt, Mr. Hughes

April 7th – staff appreciation lunch

We will prepare, serve lunch to Forest Hill staff on PD Day (expecting about 50), serve at 12 noon. Fiona will arrange with church (across the road). Kelly will send email with sign-up list for preparing meal (soups, buns, salads, dessert) and helping set up / clean up. We should get some new table cloths.

Fun Fair – year-end fun and food for everyone

Popular event, always a good turn-out. All in favour that we organize it again this year. Want to avoid Ramadan; decided on Tuesday, June 27th. (last day of classes June 29) Pizza good option for food. Kelly and Fiona will plan a separate meeting to discuss, organize event – let them know if you want to help plan.

PRO grant for 2017/18

Need to apply now to get PRO grant for next school year – Fiona will do this. Money must be used for an event for parents. Discussion, all in favour to use it for 2 curriculum nights (eg. Math, literacy, science).

Principals Go Public

Rogers TV showcased our Snack Pack program (Grade 4s wrote persuasive letters). Math Night (March 2) was very successful, had 150 people come. Staff is thankful for council's support and manpower. People left with real enthusiasm about math. Report cards have gone home; new format for Kindergarten. New head secretary: Wendy Gilbert. Skiing and tubing at Chicopee was successful; thanks to council for covering cost of bussing. Winter carnival this Thursday. Currently have 3 student teachers and 4 high school students helping. Grade 6 Tim Horton's camp March 21-24. Staff Wellness room "Falcon's Nest" (old computer lab) got furniture donated; quiet room for teachers.

Financial update

No activity. Main account has \$4217.09; of this, we'll pay max \$500 for summer reading kits and \$300 for Grade 6 locks. TreeGeneration account has \$2099.89.

TreeGeneration report

Vesey's Bulbs orders (fundraiser) going out after March Break – 50% of income is our profit, going to TreeGeneration account. Return orders after 3 weeks, bulbs will be delivered before May 24. We will be mulching all trees again in April, costs \$800, classes will be helping spread mulch. Rain barrel sale – order at rainbarrel.ca, pick up Sat. April 22nd at Forest Hill. E-waste collection end of April (some income for us). We're planning "Graduation Way": plant a tree along walkway for each graduating class. Grade 6 will help choose tree and with fundraising. Also, plan to plant a "magic tree" (large caliper) on the far side of the soccer fields, to provide shade for kids playing and watching.

Discussion for Spring activity

Discussion on if/how council wants to support Gala fundraising evening for Snack Pack program. All in favour that we give a monetary donation towards the Snack Pack program itself, not support the raffle. Discussion on a possible spring event: we have funds to arrange for a scientist to come to classrooms; or a science event one evening, involving parents; or kits for kite making (Brad will pass on info); or a movie night.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

Next meeting Tuesday, April 11th