

FOREST HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL
November 8, 2016

M I N U T E S

Present: Kelly, Monica, Denise, Brad, Virginia, Laura, Fiona, Lea, Andrea, Steven, Peter

1. Treasurer Position - Andrea has come forward and is willing to share the position given that this will be her last year on Council. Andrea and Denise will connect to consider partnering on this position. Action: Andrea/Denise will connect with Kelly when a decision is made on next steps.

2. WRAPSC position - only one person per school can vote per visit. It does not matter if we share the position. Action: Kelly will redistribute the WRAPSC schedule for people to consider the dates and sign up.

3. Math workshop night for Teachers - several teachers from FHPS and Virginia/Kelly from Council attended this workshop on how to hold a math night and what ideas there are for this session. Options to consider for a math night are a growth mindset workshop (teaching kids to persevere), games night, dreambox session, public speakers coming in re: math topics. \$ is available for food, raffle prizes, purchasing literature that supports mathematics, paying for math games for the school. If we want to consider this we will want to look for staff and administrative support. Mrs. Rowan and Mrs. McKenzie have volunteered to facilitate this. Next steps are to have Mrs. McKenzie discuss further with the staff at a meeting later this week. PRO Grant funds of \$900 for a math night have already been obtained. Action: The discussion on next steps will occur at the December meeting.

4. Dreaming for 2016-2017

-Preference for events that are interactive - craft focused. Then the child can leave with something.

-If we want to support a math night - can council provide funds for math bags to go home with the kids (eg., UNO, card games, Lego education) -Maker club (Lego, make something and learn) -Can we use our funds to support families who may have difficulty paying for school trip fees (eg., Crawford Lake fee is \$20)

-Fundraising - what are we fundraising for? Let's think strategically about how we want to raise funds in future.

-Movie nights - well attended and liked by the kids.

-Year End event is an important event for the school - brings the community to the school -Everyone provided suggestions on what ideas resonated with them for the year and one idea that did not....these will be consolidated and discussed

at our next meeting. Action: this discussion item will continue in December. Kelly will distribute the results by email in advance of the December meeting

5. Movie night - reviewed the proposal. All in favour of the proposal and increased budget of \$200 as there are ideas to enhance the movie night with some crafts that are Potter-esque.

6. Principals go Public - A nutrition for learning event occurred at the

school tonight. Raising funds and sharing the FHPS program with other school representatives in the region.

-Grades 1-6 will get more handheld/mobile devices (chrome books, Ipads).

The Board has filters on where a kid can go on the device. Kids are learning digital citizenship.

-New path has been built from Stoneybrook into the school yard -Each classroom is getting new soap dispensers -On Nov 14, report cards go home

-School improvement program - focus on wellness for the school community and mathematics learning over the next three years -Safe, caring and inclusive schools - data driven - based on survey results

to look at barriers to making the school safe, caring and inclusive.

-Looking for supply/occasional teachers

Lastly, the Kindergarten team is looking for someone to do minor tricycle repairs on 10 trikes (eg., pumping up tires) once in the fall, once in the spring and once at the end of June. Please contact the school if you can help!