

**September 20, 2017**  
**First School Council Meeting of 2017/2018 Year**  
**Forest Hill Public School**

**Present:** Brad - Principal; Rebecca - Vice-Principal, Kelly, Laura, Crystal, Andrea, Melanie, Laurie, Rebecca, Matt, Jennifer, Monica, Roza, Taco, Jenn, Heather, Emel

**Council Overview:**

- We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8pm at the school library unless otherwise announced.
- Babysitting can be arranged if meeting without your kids is difficult. Please speak with Kelly before the meeting so that she can arrange a sitter who will watch the children in another room in the school.
- Interpreters can also be requested to join parent council meetings. Kelly can be consulted to arrange this service.
- Our goal is to partner with the school staff to increase family involvement and contribute to the learning that happens at Forest Hill.
- Everyone present tonight begins the year as a member and is encouraged to share ideas, express opinions and bring others on board to increase our ability to support our kids at Forest Hill

**Principals Go Public - Brad and Rebecca**

- Over 500 kids from JK-Gr.6 with 65 teachers, 15 of whom are new to the school.
- Pizza sales occur each Tuesday - the program gets shut down Tuesday mornings by 9:45am so late arrivals will miss pizza. Pizza funds go into general funds to support the school (eg., help with busing costs to an event).
- Snack Bin program (protein, carb, veg/fruit each day to each classroom).
- Terry Fox Run is next Thursday, Sept 28th
- Spirit Wear Sales are going on right now. Link to order form is on the school website.
- Photo Days in October for Individual photos; May Class Photos occur and they are free
- No school this Friday for a PD day - focuses on school improvement planning and health and wellness
- Our school has been chosen to be part of the Hero generation program in partnership with Plasticity- watched a short video to increase understanding of this research based program - more info will come as staff learn along with students
- Strong Start Volunteers needed to help emerging readers (1-2 hour blocks once a week for 10 weeks). Training is a half day.

**Positions Filled:**

- Chair - Kelly B
- Co-Chair - Laura P
- Secretary - Laurie H
- Treasurer - Matt A

Heading into 2017:

- Our account stands with about \$1000
- Fundraising - What services/products is our community interested in? What are we raising fund for?

Action Items:

- Plasticity Story to be brought to next meeting (R. Fay)
- Treasurer (Matt A.) contact info to be given to Wendy Gilbert (FHL Secretary)
- Contact any parents present at this meeting to inquire about the assistance of a translator (R. Fay)
- Generate an online discussion about fundraising ideas (K. Beitz)
- Parent Survey to be finalized and distributed (K. Beitz and Denise B)
- Coffee Meet and greet out on the school tarmac (date to be finalized - Sept 29th??- and details sent out to the council members present tonight (K. Beitz)
- Next meeting we will look at where our first partnership with the school might lie and how we can partner (funds?, fundraising? Man power etc...)

Next Meeting Tues October 17th @ 6:30 in FHL Library