

Forest Hill School Council

MINUTES

October 15, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Attendees: Brad Hughes (Principal), Brian Wiechers (Vice Principal), Jenn Drewitz (Co-Chair), Jenn Poczik (Co-chair), Elaine Kor (Treasurer), Jill Peterson (Secretary), Monika Smith, Brian Lockyer, Matt Anderson

Item	Time
Financial Update	Tree Generation \$2570.77 General account:\$3696.40
Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vesey's Results- Field Trips- Coffee with Council- Walking school bus	Concrete cement poured for buddy bench October 15 th . Bench should be going in soon! Discussion for allotting a particular amount per class for trips/classroom materials (pending items allowed to be purchased with fundraised dollars) Brad will be reaching out to staff regarding their wish lists. Coffee with Council: Thank you to Melissa for reaching out to Tim Hortons and coordinating the coffee Hot Chocolate and for dressing up as the school mascot, it added fun to the event for the school children. Westmount and Ottawa Street Tim Hortons donated the coffee and hot chocolate at no cost . Jenn D has placed a thank you card in the school council mail box in the staff room for all to sign for Tim Hortons Walking School Bus:

	<p>Walking school bus currently is Monday-Wednesday from North Six Community to Forest Hill Public School. Colleen from Walking School Bus will be at the school this week to do training for two individuals.</p> <p>Volunteers still needed. Email foresthillwsb@gmail.com if you can help Principals noted parents have expressed interest for walking school bus at Queen/Westmount Volunteers would be needed for this area to proceed</p>
<p>Principals Go Public</p>	<p>Brad: Great start to the new school year New windows added to the front of the building of the school. Facilities services visited and confirmed air conditioning will be added to all remaining areas of the school summer 2020. Standing and bus patrollers are underway. Brian Wiechers has been a great addition as vice-principal and has been leading the effort to make the parking spaces safe by designating parking lot is only for Continuing to improve math skills. Brad, Brian and 6 staff members attended training Oct 15th with Learning Services of WRDSB EQAO Results from last school year: Forest Hill increased in all six areas over last year. Grade 3 results compared to last year: Reading increased by 26% Writing increased by 14% Mathematics 5% Grade 6: Reading increased 6% Writing increased 17% Mathematics 3%</p>

	<p>What could council do to help with the Math improvement goals? Building community, attending events, having an open dialogue with principals and children’s teachers, creating positive school events for the children</p> <p>Chocolate Fundraiser: Some parents noted that the process for the chocolate fundraiser could be more clear. Some families thought they had to pay upfront or buy the whole box of chocolate. Chocolate sale intention is to sell as much as you would like/are able to sell then returned the unsold chocolate with the money from the chocolate that was sold. Money can be sent back to school in the envelope with your child or paid online.</p>
<p>Open Discuss (All)</p>	<p>- School Day will send a reminder out to order pizza for the next month.</p>
<p>McMillan’s Fundraiser Planning</p>	<p>Matt motioned, Monika seconded and all were in favor of proceeding with MacMillan’s fundraiser. Noted from last year: Feedback was that orders were too late in December, order time was too short, some families wanted to have until November 21st to order. Council discussed the intention to choose a fundraising intention, such as last year it was for home reading, Brad and Brian will put feelers out to staff on what our fundraising intention would go to. Committee needed to plan Jenn D, Jenn P, Matt, Elaine and Brian L volunteered to help in some capacity.</p>