

## Forest Hill School Council

### MINUTES

February 18, 2020 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Welcome and Introductions

-present: Jenn Drewitz, Melissa Dicks, Monika Smith, Brad Hughes, Brian Wiechers

#### Financial Update

- School Council account balance \$ 4,520.30
- latest withdrawal \$ 1,683.70- for sensory pathways
- TreeGeneration account balance \$ 2,873.85

#### Green Initiatives

- Partnership with S. McCammon
- Will be in touch with Sean in late March

#### Meeting guests

- Lisset Jacinto, YMCA settlement worker, can attend our March meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM with a focus on connecting with newcomer and non-English-speaking families
- Council will reflect on other guests and community partners

#### PRO Grant update

- \$500 grant was approved
- discussion of impact of labour sanctions on going ahead with grant-supported activity (Arts Night)

#### Arts Night

- last year Arts Night was confirmed in late January and preparations began February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- most likely scenario is postponement of Arts Night due to current labour sanctions
- Council remains ready to respond with support when sanctions lifted as we consider if an adapted Arts Night could take place, or if other school events like Fun Fair could be reimagined

#### Principals Go Public

- updates on Scientists in School, Engineering Science Quest (ESQ), school Twitter feed, labour sanctions and ongoing negotiations, plant upgrades and scheduled construction
- sensory path kits have arrived but installation will be postponed until next school year due to extensive construction over the summer and risk of damage to the paths
- Council suggested sharing sensory paths and construction with school community via School-Day

-discussion about impact of job sanctions Grade 6 Camp (Tim Hortons Children's Foundation currently making decisions about cancellations and offering school-day programs as an alternative)

-discussion about impact of job sanctions on Grade 6 graduation ceremony (a school-day ceremony can go ahead, with support from School Council, as as has been past practice)

Open Discussion

Questions, ideas, feedback

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 24 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Snacks for March: Jenn D.