

Vista Hills School Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Where: Vista Hills Public School Library

When: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30pm

Attendees: Diana Clipsham, Sarah Moldenhauer, Milena Krstic, Sharon Han, Hajra Hafeez, Melanie Roberts, Ajeetha Pandijaraj, Jill Pletsch, Jennifer Christopher, Greg James, Kelly Fraser, Mrs. Sheriff

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions –Shemira

2. Presentation – Lunchbox – Jill

Last meeting Tokuno Sushi presented their school lunch program to school council. They suggested using the online ordering site www.lunchboxorders.com .

Jill shared details of lunchbox and school council decided to start a trail of Tokuno Sushi using the www.lunchboxorders.com to place orders starting in April through to the end of the school year. More info to follow in March. A decision as to continue the program in the 2020/2021 school year will be voted on in June 2020.

Question to be answered next meeting: Does the pricing for parents include sales taxes?

3. Vice-Principal Report –Shemira

Focus this month is optimism

Staffing Updates

Kristen Haarsma ACE class EA - Rebecca Harrington

Tania Bumstead SERT - Jennifer Huff

Secretary 4 hours - Christina Bloemendal

Mr. Fracas - until March Break

School Activities Update:

March Break - March 16 – 20

4. Approval of Minutes from January meeting

Minutes from January were accepted, motioned by Sharon Han second Milena Krstic

5. Financial Report – Hajra

Funds that were approved last year

Some pre-approved funds from last year have not been spent.

Reminders were sent to staff to via e-mail to utilize the approved funding:

• Forest of Reading – Library	\$357.50
• Workspace/technology/workout	\$2580.56
• Walkathon June 2019	<u>\$1018.41</u>
	\$3956.47

Discretionary funds:

Snack program at the office doesn't require replenishing yet; therefore, there isn't need of using the funds right now

\$422.06

Approved funds till date (February 2019/2020)

1) In September 2019	
• Math related items	\$2000
• New crash mats	\$1500
2) In October 2019	
• Home Reading program	\$2500
3) In November 2019	
• Ms. Fox's request for glaze (art class)	\$250
• Mental wellbeing books (\$60 each x 2 sets)	\$120
• Mental health presentation	\$1000
Got approved for (PRO) grant	\$500
4) In January 2020	
• Mrs. Bumstead requested for 5 iPad covers	<u>\$100</u>
	\$6970
5) WEFI (Waterloo Education Foundation Inc.)	\$9960.58
Funds Available till date (February 2019/2020)	\$14,116.82

6. Grade 8 graduation – Shemira

Put aside until the next school council meeting

7. Vista Hills wish list – Shemira and school council

Teachers sent in their wish list school council funds. There were A LOT of varying requests for a mixture of small items. It was decided to **provide \$4000 for supplies for a sensory room** including but not limited to:

- A bubble machine
- Overhead light covers
- Light curtain
- Touch items such as blocks, trampoline, cube chairs, pea pod etc.

Motion by Sharon Han, second Milena Krstic, approved.

As the teachers' wish list had many different items with none more urgent than others, it was decided to **allocate \$6000 for use by the VH staff with Mrs. Sheriff to distribute as needed**. With more funds to be allocated if necessary next council meeting. Jill Pletsch and Melanie Roberts to assist with the requests.

Motion by Diana Clipsham, second by Ajeetha Pandijaraj, approved.

8. Other Business

School council staff support lunch on Thurs Feb 20 – Raneem or Melanie

- The Staff room was filled with food. Thank you to the wonderful parents of Vista Hills School community. A number of parents donated food, money and time and posters as a way to thank our staff for all they do. With the money donated we were able to purchase shawarmas and falafels with many thanks to Shawerma Plus (<https://www.shawermaplus.com/home>) who kindly donated the gluten free falafels for our staff members. Our Staff was extremely thankful for the generosity shown and really felt appreciated.

PIC Update – Anne

- Next PIC meeting to take place March 3rd

WRAPSC meeting – Melanie

- Presentations from Presidents of EFTO and OSSTF to discuss ongoing negotiations
- Barbara Ward, mental health leader from WRDSB spoke about mental health resources and vaping and cannabis use in schools with goals to educate the effects and help to stop the use
- For full minutes please message vistahillsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Home Reading update – Anne

- All new books are in! (1 level AA, 74 level A, 1 level P, 2 level R, 36 level T and 40 level U) plus 55 Magic Tree House books that we are still finishing up leveling.
 - \$500 was spent for level A Books
 - \$1,068.65 for the remainder of the books.
- New books will be ready for students on March 2nd Mrs. Sheriff will let the primary teachers know that levels S, T and U will be available. Thank you to Mrs. Sheriff for helping us to place the Scholastic Order

Grand River Community Conservation Grant (\$750 - greening)

- Melanie applying for this grant to help green and repair the gardens in the front of VH

Greg James completed a letter to the WRDSB requesting permission to use the money raised from the scholastic book fair to purchase books for the library. The letter needs some more polish and will be looked at by Mrs. King and council members before being sent.

SAVE THE DATE: Wellness Night will take place April 23rd from 6pm – 8:30pm at Vista Hills

THANK YOU: Shawerma Plus (<https://www.shawermaplus.com/home>)

Ongoing school council fundraisers



COBS Bread at The Boardwalk
Mention Vista Hills Public School when you order and Cobs will donate 10% of your order to our school

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser online at https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and search for Vista Hills