

Elgin Street Parent Council Meeting – December 11th, 2013

Attendance: Catherine Pacella, Jim Costello, Randy Reynoso, Connie Too, Barbara Johnston-Iafelice, Meg Walker, Heather Lindsay, Sarah Ward, Erik Husband, Marie Josée (MJ) Tremblay, Judith Lamarche, Tim Baker, Lorrie Beaton, Sacha Singh, Diana Mills

Special Guest: Jane Smith and Dave Miller, OCDSB

Absent: Samaneh Lolabar, Vivian Rigg

MOTION : **To approve the evening's agenda** - Motioned by MJ Tremblay, seconded by Sacha Singh, vote passed unanimously

ACTION ITEMS from September 18th, 2013 meeting

ACTION ITEM: Catherine Pacella to re-email OCASC representative duties to Council members.
- DONE

ACTION ITEM: A list of current and new Council members' email addresses will be made available to the members for one-on-one discussion - DONE

ACTION ITEMS from November 13th, 2013 meeting

ACTION ITEM: Catherine to post the End of Year Report to the website. – TO DO

ACTION ITEM: Catherine and Randy will draft a GoogleGroup email (regarding a list of volunteers and skill sets) and circulate it to the Council for comment. – TO DO

ACTION ITEM: At the next Council meeting, Council will start discussion regarding a plan for Teacher Appreciation Day. – TO DO

ACTION ITEM: Catherine to post to the Council GoogleGroup regarding a potluck at the December 11th Council meeting. – DONE

Revisions to Minutes

None requested.

MOTION : To approve, the minutes of the November 13th, 2013 meeting – Motioned by Jim Costello, seconded by Erik Husband, vote passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

BARBARA'S 'PICK OF THE MONTH' : None [tune in next month!]

Barbara confirmed that the ceiling-mounted projectors are now in the classrooms, and the IT technician will be visiting to finalize the connections.

She also presented a three-year plan for literacy resources in the school, and has a teacher who would be willing to come to the next Council meeting to present more information on the plan.

Next week is the holiday sing-along, and a newsletter went out to parents this week showing the results of the recent survey on bullying.

Special Presentation by OCDSB staff

Jane Smith and Dave Miller prompted an encouraging discussion regarding the Council's view on technology in the classroom and providing some direction on where the school board is headed and how the Council might assist Elgin Street P. S.

Treasurer's Report

The December 2013 financial report was distributed by email before the meeting, and was reviewed in detail by the Treasurer. The total cash available to allocate as of December 5th, 2013 is \$15,114.07.

MOTION : To accept to reimburse up to \$100.00 to Mme France Poitras for purchase of CDs to support the school choir – Motioned by Diana Mills, seconded by Connie Too, vote passed unanimously.

MOTION : To accept the financial reports as presented - Motioned by Sacha Singh, seconded by Judith Lamarch, vote passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs' Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Updates

a) Fundraising

- Book Sale preparations will start in earnest in the new year.
- Council will explore the possibility of getting the older students involved in the Silent Auction.

Next meeting – Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 at 5:30pm

MOTION : **To adjourn the meeting** - Motioned by Tim Baker, seconded by Erik Husband, vote passed unanimously.

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