

Budget Committee meeting  
April 11, 2019 – 6:00pm start

Members Present - Ingrid Agar, Shannon Ruffell (via phone), Shannon Blumas, Rebecca Hummel and Paul Mills

Guest – Dr. Megan PJ – new teacher at Jack Chambers Public School

Meeting called to order/start – 6:06pm

Background on what the School Council has purchased for the school over the past school year was discussed with the following items noted:

1. Transfer towards the projector/sound system of \$29,500 (\$13,500 + \$16,000)
2. Popcorn maker of \$231.28
3. Grade 8 Graduation donation of \$1,000
4. Forest of Reading of \$1,013.22
5. AED device of \$1,120.42
6. Volleyball equipment of \$1,537.48
7. Technology purchased of: 2 IPADS and 7 Chromebooks of \$3,098.52
8. Instrument repairs of \$1,000

Ideas received via email were discussed/presented by Rebecca Hummel from other council members, which was a focus on technology and possible ‘big-ticket’ ideas.

Dr. PJ then introduced herself and presented her project that includes grades 5, 6 and 7 students to help design the outdoor yard. She discussed that she is still part of the Innovation Team at the TVDSB, which would give her extra resources and support for this project. The focus of the project would be a design thinking approach for the students on how to transform/renovate the yard for the older grades. Groups of 4 would be tasked to work on ideas with the focus on “learning”, “active” and “social” for the yard. The timeline would involve having these ideas and presentations completed by end of May/early June with a total of possibly 90 groups. June 18<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the presentations for the yard ideas.

It was discussed among the group that it could be an idea for the school to host a community event to allow the students to present their ideas. Also, as a way to support the initiative and help with the current need of the school, outdoor equipment was identified as something that can be purchased for use now.

Among the discussion re: the yard needs for the students, it was noted that there is going to be a higher volume of students in the older grades for the next school year. The need for chrome books is also significant.

It was noted that Ingrid Agar had prepared an updated list of items based on the school/teachers needs – see attached. This schedule was discussed in detail, with pros

and cons discussed for each item noted. It was determined that a summary grouping some of the similar items would be done and motions would be put forward at the meeting on April 24, 2019 to determine how the existing balance (and upcoming deposits for March – June from Hot Lunch) would be spent.

An additional discussion was had regarding the Chambers Day fundraising focus. It was the group's consensus that technology would make sense for this day due to the volume of funds raised and the consistent need for more technology items on an ongoing basis. (These could also potentially include a data projector for the library and portable speakers). A motion will be made at the April 24, 2019 meeting to finalize this decision.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50pm with notes to be drafted by Rebecca Hummel.