

December 19, 2018

(*Indicates voting member)

School Council Executive:

Chair: Paul Mills*

Co-Secretaries: Roland Griesmayer* and Shannon Ruffell*

Co-Treasurers: Becca Hummel* and Janey Zhang*

School Council Members:

Nohad Abdul-Gani*

Shannon Blumas*

Sandra King*

Ting Lei* - absent

Zivai (Zii) Muvuti*

Mary Jane Snoeks*

Administration Representatives: Ingrid Agar and Tara Macdonald

Community Representative: Josiah Mathuranayagam*

CUPE Representative: Chris Steele*

Staff Representatives: Kate Laird* and Lynne Murdoch – absent

Student Representatives: Danielle Hart* and Nelly Korczak* - absent

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Paul Mills.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November meeting were not available and will be approved at the January meeting.

AED Presentation

- Cara Schmidt spoke about AED fundraising for the purchase and implementation in schools. When Cara first began her advocacy only 5 in 159 schools had AED's in Thames Valley Schools and now 65% have them.

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- AED stands for Automated External Defibrillator. The AED comes in an enclosed box with instructions and the victim's heart is shocked. Anyone can use them. A sticker will be placed on the external doors to show that an AED is accessible.
- It was discussed to train the grade 7/8's on the use.
- The cost is \$1400 and Cara can fund an AED for Jack Chambers 100% and we can share our fundraising with a sister school that is less fortunate so they can get one too.
- Dr. Lubell donated \$250.
- Marion Moynihan, Superintendent, sent an email update that funding may become available for AED's in the future.
- Roland put forward motion to approve funding for up to \$1300 if no school funding is granted, Shannon R seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

- Balance as of November 30, 2018: \$5,145.51
- New transactions as follows:
 - + \$635.00 Market table fees
 - + \$655.40 Donations and bake sale at market
 - + \$2,443.85 November hot lunch
 - + \$32.20 Concession stand at volleyball tournament
 - + \$15.00 Black bag purchased

 - \$200.00 Popcorn maker
 - \$1,700.00 Volleyball equipment
- Balance as of December 19, 2018: \$7,026.95

Committee Reports

- Fundraising (Shannon Blumas)
 - Holiday market raised \$1,290.40
 - New ideas for next year's market include a picture with Santa, pancake breakfast and a silent auction.
 - The next fundraiser is a movie night to be held January 17th and 25th
 - January 17th is a family night for JK to grade 5. Families can purchase a family pass via cash online then purchase on site add on's like candy, glow stick bracelets, etc.

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- January 25th will be for grades 6,7,8 to come on their own. A combo pass will be available via cash online in addition to the on site add on's available for cash.
- Fundraising proceeds proposed to purchase technology used in the students ages that attend the movie nights. Shannon R put forward a motion to approve use of fundraising, seconded by Becca - voted 12 in favour and 2 in opposition.
- Looking for more volunteers, inside and outside of School Council – talked about posting specific jobs on Facebook for parents to sign up.
- Safe Travel Plan (Mary Jane Snoeks)
 - Committee formed and met December 10th
 - Public health nurse was at initial committee meeting and the purpose of the safe travel plan is to increase walking to school, safety walking to school and engagement.
 - The plan has 3 phases:
 - 1st phase is set up and promotion of safe travel plans.
 - 2nd phase is data collection (most intensive) including:
 - Family surveys at home and older grades (4-8) do it at school
 - Traffic counts over 3 days by parent volunteers
 - A review of the data by a larger team including City of London officials, parents, police, board members including a 3 hour walkabout. Then the group will discuss and develop an action plan.
 - 3rd phase is the implementation and maintenance of the plan.
 - Possible outcomes are crosswalks, safe cycling training, no idling zones, etc.
 - Timeline is 7-10 weeks looking to begin in February to be implemented in September.
 - Need more people to be involved. Ingrid to communicate with staff and students.
 - School Council was asked for help with promotion and data collection and then depending on the recommendations looking for budgetary assistance.
 - Zii put forward a motion to support the Safe Travel Plan, seconded by Becca – voted 13 in favour and 1 in opposition.

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- Next committee meeting January 17, 2018 at 4 pm in Ingrid's office.

New Business

- Designated Fundraising:
 - Forest of Reading: cost \$1,013.22. The program's purpose is to promote Canadian authors at all grade levels. The school purchases the books at a discount and a reading activity is created for primary students and the older grades share the books. Students that have read at least 5/10 get to go to Western Fair and meet some of the authors and learn about the writing process.
 - Shannon R. put forward motion to approve funding, Roland seconded and it was approved unanimously.
 - Instrument repairs: up to \$1,000
 - \$7,300 was requested at the October meeting by the music department.
 - The school did not receive the contest grant, there is one grant still pending and the board provided \$3,000.
 - Idea presented by Shannon B. for each class to donate a basket to be raffled at the coffee house and the highest grossing class basket wins an ice cream sundae party.
 - Becca put forward motion to approve funding, Sandra seconded and it was voted 11 in favour and 3 in opposition.
 - Graduation donation: \$1,000
 - The committee spends money on decorations and food. The DJ is donated by Spirit Club and the certificates and diplomas are provided by the School.
 - Historically Council has contributed \$1,000
 - Paul put forward motion to approve funding of \$1,000, Zii seconded and it was approved unanimously.
 - Chromebooks : \$300 x3 = \$900
 - Becca put forward motion to approve funding, Shannon B seconded and it was approved unanimously.
 - Basketball equipment: up to \$1,000
 - Jerseys are tattered.

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- Discussed including the athletes on the teams to help raise money. Some concerns raised that it should be a team initiative not School Council as it only benefits a small percentage of the students.
- Council decided to get more information on jerseys or equipment needed.
- On hold for now.
- Monthly newsletter
 - One pager to go out monthly online and in paper format from School Council with a tear away portion for parents to return if they are interested in volunteering.
- Updates to Council By-Laws
 - Postponed until the next meeting.
- Website information for School Council
 - More information to be provided on upcoming events and volunteering opportunities.
- Jonathan Grant has resigned from School Council. The position of Co-Chair is now vacant and it can be filled or remain unfilled. To be determined at the next meeting.
- Jonathan was active in the Hot Lunch program initiatives including liaising with the company, setting the menu, reconciling the account, delivering the pizza on Friday's. Becca volunteered to take over these duties and Sandra will assist with the pizza classroom delivery on Friday's.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion put forth by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.