

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday November 15th, 2016

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	In Attendance
Andrea Szego	Chair	Y
Hilary Gray	Past Chair	N
Stephanie Little	Co-Treasurer	Y
Amanda Santo	Co-Treasurer	Y
Brooke Charlebois	Co-Secretary	Y
Tamara Bassilios	Co-Secretary & e-Communications Lead	Y
Shannon Butcher	e-Communications Committee member	N
Roxane Tracey	e-Communications Committee member	N
Michelle Loney	e-Communications Committee member	Y
Tamara Carrion	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	N
Tara Viirland	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Name	In Attendance
Tracey Pirso	N
Laara Sidiq	N
Andria Keen	N
Lori Zuppinger	N
Carmina Scott	Y
Nicole Lambe	N
Stephanie Kirby	Y
Samantha Robinson	N
Sherry Lin	Y
Alice Brummell	N

* Approved minutes

PRINCIPAL

Andrew McLachlan

OTHER ATTENDEES

Keith Gould, Sarah Gale, Andrew Leitch, Raquel Castellanos, Stephanie Reisler, Christian Hurst, Matthew Biswas, Jen Barnes

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Welcoming remarks – Andrea Szego**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda** - Agenda accepted by Amanda Santo and Sarah Gale
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes from the Sept 2016 meeting** - Minutes accepted by Carmina Scott & Stephanie Little
4. **Action Items from last meeting**

Playground Revitalization - Carmina Scott

- Need to complete another application form to do a site vision and create a plan for the playground
- Carmina collecting playground ideas from various places (other schools, Pinterest, etc)
- Will need to have information ready for when the site visit happens (e.g. what we want to see in terms of the yard)
- Robust discussion around limiting primary/junior students to their own areas around the yard
- Concern around lack of unstructured free play for students
- Lots of work to come on this; will require a subcommittee

Classroom Stipend – Andrea Szego

- Stipend has not yet been announced to teachers - this will be done shortly

Snack Lunch program – Andrea Szego

- This was not promoted at the movie night as planned (evening was busy)
- Requires continuous promotions by school, and Council through its connection to parents
- As mentioned at last meeting: sign up via the Council blog or on Facebook (Diego is the volunteer coordinator and will be in touch with interested parties)

Pumpkin Patch – Andrea Szego

- Ordered same number of pumpkins as last year and sold out by 9am (last year we had leftovers)
- Hilary who headed up subcommittee says thanks to all who helped
- Baked goods were also a success - sold out of everything
- Communications team would like to ask for people to share photos (if they are comfortable sharing) for the facebook page
- made approx. \$1200

Movie Night – Andrea Szego

- Netted \$1100 profit
- Ran out of pizza and popcorn
- Investigating a popcorn maker
- Need to work on room management (e.g. ensure kids stay inside the room and do not wander around)
- Christian Hurst volunteers to troubleshoot future technical issues (e.g. sound quality)
- Discussion around the best way to handle food sales
- **IDEAS** - fewer prizes? Instead of drawing prizes have silent auction items? pre-draw prizes and just post winning ticket numbers?
- **IDEAS** - serve food/drinks etc 45 minutes prior to movie and then cut off sales as movie begins? Pre-order pizza, popcorn etc? Offer combos (e.g. 4 admission tickets, pizza, popcorn and drinks)?
- Movie committee would like to move ahead with another movie night, Dec 9th with a Christmas themed movie (e.g. Muppets Christmas etc)
- Suggested donation of \$2.00 admission is as per TDSB fundraising policy
- Movie subcommittee could use more volunteers
- Discussion around student film fest (1 min films) and show best movie at future movie night
- Committee would like a \$500 front for upfront costs
- **DECISION** - provide the \$500 start up cost for the December movie night
- **POST MEETING UPDATE!** Movie postponed until January

Game/Art/Book Drive – Andrea Szego

- Please continue to donate; donations go to teachers to augment their classrooms
- Me to We group is doing a book drive at the end of November so any books not taken by teachers will go to them

FundScrip - Tamara Bassilios

- FundScrip – Canada-wide fundraising online gift card program
- Supporters buy gift cards online from one of 250+ retailers and purchases generate earnings (between 3-5% is donated to the school)
- Gift cards a popular item during the holidays – a new way to generate funds for purchases school community may already be making
- Will be up and running soon - information will be sent home with students

5. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Little

- Stephanie provides updates on financials monthly
- See Stephanie's handout

6. Council 2016-17 Upcoming Dates/Future Fundraising

- Parent Council has a popcorn maker, cotton candy maker, button maker available for rental for \$50. Parents can make a request to rent through the school council email
- Suggestion to sell Pointsettias as a fundraiser; deadline has passed; perhaps next year?
- School Council to look into selling Christmas trees as a future fundraiser

Bottle Drive

- Discussion around date for the bottle drive
- **DECISION** - Bottle Drive to be January 7th
- Volunteers needed, shifts of 2 hours
- **ACTION ITEM** - reminder about the bottle drive to be sent home with students prior to the holiday break

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- Teacher appreciation lunch is Friday January 13th, 2017
- Discussion around whether we should have volunteers prepare the food or hire a caterer
- A suggestion was made to use a local caterer if possible, to support local businesses (Stock & Trade, East of York, Knuckle Sandwich, etc)
- Stephanie Little and Tamara Bassilos move to approve \$400 budget for teacher lunch
- **DECISION** - Teacher lunch to be catered; volunteer to coordinate?

Marlies Event - Tara Viirland

- Last year we sold Marlies tickets for Saturday evening. We made about \$5 per ticket
- There was a post-game skate on the ice
- Possible date for this year - Sunday March 26th 5pm, post game skate between 8-8:50p.m.
- Discussion around timing of skate - is this too late? Is a pre-game skate possible?
- Other possible incentives - send school choir to sing national anthem, 2 zamboni riders between ages of 7-10, fan tunnel 40 students high five Marlies
- **ACTION ITEM** - poll possible date options via email

Parents Night Out

- tried Firkin for December event; \$250 non-refundable deposit + \$25 min pp
- **ACTION ITEM** - poll for interest in big auction-type (variation on the Hullabaloo theme) event in Feb

7. Principals Remarks and Q&A

- **French Immersion LTO in SK** - Carina Bridgewood
- **Vice Principal** – VP on leave now being covered by Carmela Bennison (former Principal). She will be here until at least January

- **New Secretary** – Victoria Warner is the new secretary in office
- **Solar Panels** – Installation almost complete. Not yet producing electricity but getting close
- **Stage Lighting** - has been looked at. It will not be replaced, but will be made operational (e.g. replacing bulbs to ensure working lights)
- **Remembrance Day** - Ceremony well attended by parents
- **French Immersion Program** - Open house for JK students was November 10th, there will be a class of 30 next year. Registration system is now open to receive registrations. Our FI program goes until grade 5 and then student move to DA Morrison for grades 6-8
- **Universal Screening for Giftedness** - Screening has taken place for all grade 3's. Results will go home with report cards
- **Kindergarten Helper Program** - For grades 6-8 has now been formalized
- **Student Leadership Council** - elections will be starting by the end of the month
- **Recess Revival Program** - East End Community Health Centre will be coming to train 10 grade 6 students to run organized games at recess. This program will run 1 day per week. The training will happen by the end of November. Parent volunteers needed (just to supervise, students will run the activities)
- **Toque Sales** – Toques have been selling for \$20. \$15 covers the cost of the hats and \$5 goes towards a charitable organization, Na-Me-Res. This charity supports the physical, mental and spiritual health of Aboriginal men in Toronto.
- **Robotics program** – 20 students are signed up (grades 4-8)
- **Bike to School Award** - Earl Haig won this award for last year - we had the greatest increase in cycling in all of Toronto schools
- **Safe Schools** - Much discussion around safe schools and progressive discipline. Parents expressed an interest in having someone from the board come and present an info night to parents on board policy around safe schools and progressive discipline

8. Motion to Adjourn - Amanda moved to adjourn, seconded by Stephanie Kirby.

NEXT MEETING DATES

- Wed Jan. 18, 2017
- Tues Feb. 21 (changed to free up Valentine's Day)
- Wed April 19
- Tues May 16
- Wed June 21

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