

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2020

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			MEMBERS AT LARGE	
Name	Role	In Attendance	Name	In Attendance
Shannon Butcher	Co-Chair	Y	Jen Barnes	Y
Barb Bower	Past Chair	N	Keith Gould	N
Nicole Lambe	Co-Treasurer	Y	Sally Jacquart	N
Stephanie Little	Co-Treasurer	N	Sherry Lin	N
Cleo Buster	Secretary	N	Tanya Mustachi	Y
Michelle Loney	e-Communications	Y	Rayna Shienfield	N
Karen Simpson	e-Communications	Y	Jade Shulist	Y
Sarah Farrell	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y	Diana Sousa	N
Rosalyn Wise	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y	Anita Tsang	N
Polly Vandenberg	Fundraising Lead	Y	Tuyen Tran	N
Jo Anne Gould	Technology Officer	N		
Nupur Deonarine	Advocacy Lead	Y		
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Lead	N		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Principal Jonathan Root			
	VP Richard Ng			

OTHER ATTENDEES Jen Buchanan
Dara Rawlins Maynard
Maya Matthews
Ashley McKellar

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions - some new faces!

1. Fundraising Initiatives:

- **Principal for a day:** (Polly) Made approx. \$300, kids had fun and experienced job shadowing.
- **Movie night:** (Sally and Nicole) Big success, made \$1,000. Still need to pay licensing based on how many kids (we pay for that so school funds can pay for items SAC can't.) There was a small glitch with sound that was fixed. Great community event.
- **Pizza lunch:** (Polly) Getting better each time. Munchalunch software makes collecting and tracking much easier. \$700 per lunch profit. Oct and Nov went well, Dec order came late so vendor (Pizza Pizza) gave a discount. Jan went well. Round of applause for all Polly's hard work!
- **Bottle Drive:** (Shannon) Made \$440!
- **Dance-a-thon:** (Polly and Shannon) Huge success \$1100 (snacks and glow sticks) learned which snacks sell and what doesn't. Approx \$11,000 from donations! Finally tally to come.
- **Play-Eh:** (Shannon for Tuyen) Shannon has been in contact with the board regarding playground construction. Plan is to start construction this summer! (Fingers crossed) Donation came in of \$2000 to be used specifically for Play Eh, council idea is to take back \$3000 donated from council coffers
- **Discussion items and comments to consider:**
 - Dance-a-thon excellent "work for reward" compared to many fundraisers (ie time, costs, etc.) ie makes significantly more than a pizza lunch
 - Did having the Play EH graphic on collateral help more last year? Likely yes. Need to make focus on clarifying details for Tech to give direction to funders
 - Are there other options to glow sticks that are more environmentally friendly? Will need to explore options for next year.
 - Susan and Joel (parents) brought in a better sound system and lights to improve experience for kids. Joel will look into how much to fix, council will explore buying better speakers too.

2. Upcoming Events:

- **Cupcake sale:** (Jade)

- All day sale
 - will need to send out requests for volunteers & bakers (in school communication and social media).
 - Jade will talk to Karen/Michelle and Nicole about how last year ran.
 - Suggestion for at least 3 volunteers this year as they got busy with children grabbing.
- **Food Around the World:** (Maya)
 - Maya will lead this event.
 - New date will be 6:00pm on March 5th.
 - Will contact Hilary about dancers from last year.
 - Need to get word out about a new event- please send to class reps.
 - **Marlies Game:** (Nicole)
 - Discussed attending April 11th game. Nicole gave 4 date options but none work (Easter/Friday night/Day before school returning March break) Nicole will investigate if there are other date options.
 - Choir will not be able to perform due to job action.
 - Need to decide on a date soon and need to buy tickets ahead of time. Need to commit to buying a chunk to get a better deal.
 - **Spring Fair:** (Jen Barnes)
 - Corrected date- Thursday June 4th AND need new lead as Jen Barnes is undergoing home improvement.
 - Jen Buchanan agreed to be one of the leads to help in organizing. Still looking for more people though. Will get word out

3. **Treasurer Report:** (Nicole)

- Nicole shared budget report printout. Balance currently a healthy \$12,594. Still a few minor expenses coming in.
- Need to determine how to structure funding (ie. ½ to tech ½ to general) \$25,000 is informal figure to meet initial tech needs (based on wishlist of approx 15 teachers who responded to Mr. Ng email).
- General fund would be for items we don't always know in advance.

4. **Advocacy Report:** (Nupur)

- Nup suggested as a privileged school community we should consider gifting some funds to a fellow struggling council. Mr Ng & Mr Root confirmed this is possible and are willing to aid this process if needed.
- A query made for what we can do for struggling families in our school. Currently money is given to kids who can't afford trips etc are in need, out of school budget. At the end of year school can inform how much is given so council can contribute to refilling this fund.
- Suggestion made to get students involved in the process.
- Will ponder and add to the next agenda.

5. **Communication Report:** (Karen and Michelle)

- All good, website traction up

6. **Ward Rep Report:** (Sarah and Rosalyn)

- Last night's meeting was cancelled due to job action. Topics of "Special Education and Inclusive classrooms" will be rescheduled.
- Next meeting will be Feb 20th at Earl Haig (day after council meeting) Topic: "An evening with John Malloy" 2 Wards combined for meeting.

7. **Nutrition Program:** (Shannon for Pilar)

- Pilar has been very involved and has been working with staff to help improve snack and lunch programs.

8. **Old Business:**

- **Education Nights**
 - (Wellness Wednesdays) Andrea is still working on setting up night for sexual health talk.
- **PALS**
 - on hold (job action) although we have 3 dedicated teachers to do it.

PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER REMARKS

Mr. Root

- **Facility improvement**
 - continue to work to make school as barrier-free as possible (lower handrail, faucets, toilets etc) over next year more inclusive aspects such as colors (yellow) that blind student can see.
- **Budget**
 - 36 Chromebooks & charging pads already purchased have cost approx \$15,000.
 - Still need \$5-\$10,000 more for covers etc.
 - Mr Salsman is the main IT teacher, with Ms Lang's support. Ms Gibson is the lead for the Chromebooks and will disseminate to the rest of the teachers on the main floor. Ms Riesler and Mr Taylor also IT support.
 - There is no overarching IT person for Ward. There is a help desk but backlog takes longer than teachers fixing themselves (either by taking course that can be shared with others or to local repair and getting reimbursed)
 - The technology being purchased is a mix of centralized tech to be shared and items needed in classrooms.
 - Council members would like to communicate to parents what has been purchased and what will be purchased when funds are donated. Mr. Ng will share this in the next newsletter and tweet (which we can share on fb) a video of students using the smart boards and items we will be purchasing. The only reason this hasn't been communicated yet is money has not been given to school yet. However kids have gotten the message technology will be in classrooms very soon.
 - Mr Root discussed some ideas he has for tech such as listening centers or language development.
 - Mr. Ng discussed what is happening with coding buddies and how tech has already improved this process.
- **Job Action**
 - Extracurriculars aren't happening.
- **Upcoming performance**
 - Set up by Mr. Bailey based on helping kids understand depression is set for May 7th. Parents are welcome.
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- **Data wall**
 - In order to get data wall (room 12) needed first accurate data collected and filed (reading assessments).
 - Now all teachers have access to students' baseline in reading, writing and math to help staff utilize moving forward.
 - Wall is colour coded to id levels.
 - Some parents in attendance were concerned about the data wall just being a manual system taped to the wall of a room
 - Mr. Root said he would talk about it more at the next meeting as we were pressed for time
- **Educational Materials**
 - Mr Root is reorganizing locations of educational materials for teachers for ease of use and to bring staff together.

Shannon and Jade adjourn meeting (8:35)

Minutes prepared by Jade Shulist

Upcoming Meetings: Wednesday, February 19 • No March Meeting

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