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DRAFT Minutes

École Forest Trail School Council Meeting

October 3, 2016

7:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Attendance for October 3, 2016 ÉFT School Council

A. Abraha
S. Awasthi
S. Basaraba
P. Brzezinski **
C. Cibotari
L. Cowan
L. Cummings *
S. Darabnia
C. Han **
A. K'Oduol
L. Leung
C. Marineau
T. Monteith
D. Moshkforoush
C. Swankie
S. Van Wyk
S. Waite
N. Yousif **

ÉFT Staff

S. Pilibbossian
S. DiFelice
K. Spalding

Non-Voting Parents

K. Laplante
S. McNab
N. Russell
M. Saghat -Chian

* Denotes Regrets
** Not in attendance

1. Council Information: S. Pilibbossian

- S. Pilibbossian welcomed all parents and members to the meeting

2. Review Council Mission Statement/Roles/Responsibilities

- S. Pilibbossian reviewed Council Members roles and Executive positions.
- Nomination Forms were reviewed, members in attendance acknowledged
- Members were elected for the Executive Roles

3. Establish Council and Executive Members

- Tanya Monteith was elected Chair
- Chris Marineau was elected Co-Chair
- Cristina Cibotari was elected Treasurer
- Saghar Darabnia was elected Secretary

4. Council Organization

- Attendance Sheet was circulated
- Council Members introduced themselves
- C. Marineau explained the number of future meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month. A schedule with final dates will be emailed to all members.
- List of available Days for Tasty Tuesday Volunteering was also circulated and successfully completed.



5. Treasurer's Report

- Previous Treasurer was not present. C. Marineau reported the balance to be \$52,500, and a Cashless deposit of \$12000 for Tasty Tuesday and keeping in mind that we will have to deduct the cost and expenses of purchasing the Pizza.

6. Principal Report

- S. Pilibossian reviewed the School Improvement Resource Request for School Council for 2016/2017 in priority order
- Each item explained in detail with amount needed to be allocated

7. Fundraising Overview

- S. Pilibossian explained to all new attendees that Fundraising goal has to be reported to the Board in the beginning of the school year
- T. Monteith and C. Marineau explained different Fundraisers that have historically been arranged by School Council to all attendees. Explaining the scope of work, tentative dates and an estimate of the number of volunteers needed.

8. Committee Updates/Overview & Volunteer Opportunities

- Committees were discussed and explained in detail. The following list of committees has already been identified. Council will be discussing further and members will volunteer to join committee(s) of their choice during the upcoming meetings.
- Constitution Committee:
- Communications Committee:
- PEP Committee:
- Pay It Forward:
- Fundraising:
- Safety and Well Being:
- Canadian Parents for French:



9. Discussion of Council Wish List Items: T. Monteith & C. Marineau

- It was brought to the attention of the council that we should expect to receive a wish list from Student Council in the following Council Meetings too.
- It was mentioned that there are material needed to be purchased for Carnival preparations that has to be ordered in advance
- Problems with School Council Website was mentioned by S. Van Wyk. The website is on a very old platform and has to be moved to a new platform. It was hacked and there were unauthorized users that have been blocked. Council needs to allocate funds for the new website.

7. New Business

- Concerns were raised by parents with regards to using disposable cutlery on Lunch Lady days and the conflict with our eco-friendly environment. T. Monteith will discuss with the Lunch Lady, if they can provide biodegradable cutlery, or communication to be sent to parents for extra steps to take when ordering to eliminate the cutlery, or provide each classroom with biodegradable cutlery.
- Concerns were also raised about the traffic flow in the parking lot and enforcement of the "No Left Turn" sign. Unfortunately, the police department will not be able to enforce this and staff and volunteers are not allowed to direct traffic because of safety concerns.
- Questions about the new French Immersion system was raised. S. Pilibossian explained that they will have more details through the board before the January Parent Information Night.

8. Voting

- On a motion duly moved by C. Marineau, seconded by L. Cowan and 15 members in favor \$ \$355.98 was approved for the purchase of Mulch for School Garden .
- On a motion duly moved by C. Swankie, seconded by S. Basaraba and 15 members in favor \$1,500 was approved for the purchase of Supplies needed for Carnival.
- On a motion duly moved by S. Van Wyk seconded by A. Arabha and 15 members in favor \$250 was approved for the Re-designing and migrating the School Council Website.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.