

## Stephen Leacock School Council Meeting February 20, 2018

**Attendees:** Annabel Lee, Tricia Gheorghe, Andra Smith, Winnie Mui, Teisha Gaylard, Lesley Paquette, Kristen Lafrance, Melissa Adams, Genevieve Gauthier-King, Ed Bowling

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: Lesley and Kristen – the date of the June BBQ needs to be changed in these minutes as it is not June 8<sup>th</sup> but June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of Agenda for this evening: Tricia and Melissa

**Priority Needs List (PNL)** went to the top of the list as a member had to leave and quorum was required for a vote.

Staff by divisions have prioritized council support requests.

**Primaries \$1500** with \$500 for each grade.

Grade 1 - \$500 to offset the cost of a field trip to the Experimental Farm

Grade 2 - \$500 to offset the cost of a field trip to the History or Science Museum

Grade 3 - \$500 for a Multicultural Arts, Schools and Community (MASC) performance

**Juniors \$1500** with

Grade 4 - \$410 to help with recorder update

Grade 5 and 6 each requested \$570 for a Scientists in School event

**Kinders \$500** for bins, trucks, snow bricks, big buckets, sponges, building tools, stumps for bridges, gardening tools, large outdoor animals (not alive ones), baskets for nature collections. The Kinders may ask next time for some funds to offset the cost of a bus for a Mud Lake field trip.

Genevieve also said she would hold off on any new tech component of the PNL.

Later in the meeting, it was decided that we would add \$1500 to the PNL for outdoor equipment for recess and also for use as part of the classroom gym bags. This would include items like skipping ropes, hockey nets (plastic) or pylons that could be used as nets, balls, possibly new nets for the basketball hoops. The PNL was voted upon and all present were in favour.

Genevieve received \$1000 to help defray any ski trip shortfalls but only had to use \$221.66. Consequently, they went ahead and bought the snow shoes for \$1471.49. Given the Movie sales for *Coco* from School Cash Online, popcorn sales and the 3% contribution it was agreed that the school owed the Parent Council \$35 but this would go to the Kinder PNL. So in total the PNL was \$5500.

### **Chair's Report – Annabel**

- Movie Night was a success with approximately 200 participants for a net profit of ~\$600
- Scientists in School was also a success. Some comments were that it was too cramped at tables so sometimes people had to wait. Perhaps the tables could be more spread out and maybe more scientists could be present. The volunteers were great and maybe next time we could do the same by enlisting the help of Grade 7 and 8s who have gone to SLPS in the past. It was suggested that more volunteers could be asked (10 were used this time and 12 would be better).

### **Financial Report – Winnie**

\$23,000 to spend

### **Principal's Report – Genevieve Gauthier-King**

No teachers have volunteered to attend parent council meetings on a regular basis. Genevieve will continue to ask for volunteers to attend meetings.

Mme Robichaud wanted to thank the council for the 30 sets of snowshoes we supported for the Grade 3-6s. They have been enjoying them.

Genevieve handed out bracelets and pins made by the We Team. They made them with all grades for Have a Heart day. The team decided not to fundraise this year but to visit each classroom and give a bilingual presentation on Have a Heart Day and what it meant for First Nations children. This was to increase awareness. There are about 20 Junior children on the We Team.

Grade 2 students have been working on math problems related to the Olympics. They have been doing number facts ie. time, measurement related to Olympic events. They are also doing biographies of athletes.

The water in the front foyer of the school is being cleared up. The summer will bring some remediation of the concrete blocks at the front of the school and the problems will be addressed.

Kinder registration is going well. It is online and has been embraced and is seamless so far.

Swim to Survive starts for Grade 3s this week, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Confirmed with the council that the school photo provider for next year would continue to be Carpe Diem.

### **Looking Ahead**

Chapters evening is set for Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 – flyers need to be updated by Melissa and Annabel

Lone Star evening is set for Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

June BBQ is set for Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Grill Master is booked

Decisions were made to contact a) Ottawa Super Parties for Batman (Melissa), b) Ray's Reptiles (Annabel) and c) Yaki (Kristen) for entertainment.

Melissa will also contact Brett's for ice cream services to replace The Merry Dairy. Melissa will also check with colleagues as they organized Winterlude so might know of some entertainment options.

Annabel will look into a photo booth option (email Mary Vincent from previous years), as will Genevieve (through Carpe Diem).

Genevieve will ask the We Team if they want to be responsible for the Jars Jars Jars table at the BBQ. Also, if they want to have a bake table.

**Thinking ahead** the conversation moved to wish lists after discussing how many people are underwhelmed with the new monkey bar purchase by the council. Tricia, along with others, will put together a list of concerns and issues and submit to Genevieve, who will forward this to the Board personnel.

Members were asked to think about possible yard improvements or other possible upgrades that could be made to the school in the future. This was suggested as a starting point for a vision so the group has something to work towards. Tricia also offered to document this for future parent councils. Some ideas were a) update long jump pit, b) tables and chairs in yard (or stumps and rocks – nothing that can be carved into or set on fire), c) a mural in the library to brighten the walls, d) increase parent council presence, e) speaker series.

Motion to forego the March meeting was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.