

**Stephen Leacock PS Council
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018
School Library**

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chair Tricia Gheorghe welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was a round of introductions of all participants.

Approval of June 2018 Minutes

June 2018 Minutes were not available. Deferred to another meeting.

Approval of September 2018 Agenda

Moved by Kara Howson. All in favour.

Description of Council Executive Roles

Co-Chair Annabel Lee described the various Council Executive roles. She also explained that one can be a Council Member without taking on an Executive role.

Year-End Report

Co-Chair Annabel Lee summarized the Council's Year-End Report.

Financial Report

Treasurer Winnie Mui stated that there is approximately \$17 000 in the Council's bank account.

Council Elections

Principal Suzie Robertson collected nomination forms from all council member candidates. She read out the names and all 15 were elected to Council:

Melissa Adams	Kristen Lafrance
Ed Bowling	Annabel Lee
Katie Doucette	Winnie Mui
Teisha Gaylard	Lesley Paquette
Tricia Gheorghe	Kathryn Rutherford
Kara Howson	Harrison Xiao
Michael Kempa	Jihong Yang
Amelia Kiteley	

The following people put forward their names to serve on the Executive and all were named by acclamation:

Co-Chairs: Annabel Lee & Tricia Gheorghe
Treasurer: Winnie Mui
Secretary: Mike Kempa
Communication Officer: Teisha Gaylard
Volunteer Coordinators: Harrison Xiao & Kathryn Rutherford

Kristen Lafrance also volunteered to be Pizza Day Coordinator, though this is not an Executive position.

School Reports

Admin: Principal Suzie Robertson and Vice-Principal Dianne Khawas walked the group through a series of school related issues, seeking council feedback and suggestions.

1. School shirts and hats: logos and colours were discussed – decision for similar to previous years, classic school logos and colours.

2. Field trips: Discussion for how many per year, total costs acceptable – decision for approx. 1 trip in each of fall and spring for a cost of about \$20 each.

Suggestion made to take Gr. 5/6 to Parliament before it closes for renovations for several years.

3. Communication plan: suggestion from Chair to move to standardisation of comms from teachers

4. Clubs – Principal Suzie Robertson reports more clubs available as weather turns cooler / less amenable to outdoor play.

Afterschool Spanish will be posted soon.

5. EQAO reports are pending for mid-October – teaching and non-teaching

6. Immediate upcoming events discussed: all posted to SLPS website

7. Teachers: TBD teacher member(s) of council

Website Update

1. SLPS Parent Council has a tab on SLPS main website: welcoming feedback on desired features.

2. We are on Twitter, as is the school.

3. Currently, blog on original, separate SLPS Council page is under-subscribed. Eventually page will migrate to school board standard platform. Discussion for the interim: keep or scrap active blog.

Looking Ahead

1. Walk to School Day – details discussed – parent lead is Tricia Gheorghe who will recruit volunteers and coordinate.
2. Halloween Dance – details discussed – parent lead is Michael Kempa who will coordinate. Katie Doucette will bring much institutional knowledge from previous dances.
3. Chapters (Centrum) shopping night discussed: 15 October, 5-7pm, 15% of sales going to SLPS.
4. Events Review – new ideas

The meeting was ended at 8:40pm.