

**Stephen Leacock PS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018
School Library**

In attendance: Teisha Gaylard; Lesley Paquette; Melissa Adams; Kristen Lafrance; Harrison Ziao; Kathryn Rutherford; Amelia Kiteley; Dianne Khawas; Suzie Robertson; Michael Kempa; Tricia Gheorghe; Annabel Lee; Yangbei Wang; Chris Song.

Call to Order – 7:05 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chairs Annabel Lee and Tricia Gheorghe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of 18 September Minutes

Moved by Kristen Lafrance – all in favour

Approval of 16 October Agenda

Moved by Teisha Gaylard-- all in favour.

Chair's Report – Annabel Lee and Tricia Gheorghe

1. Chapters Night: reported to be a big success, raising approximately \$480 for SLPS.
2. Walk to School event was a success and the volunteers were thanked.

Financial Report

Presented by Annabel Lee

1. Current balance \$24,004.86 (including newest pizza revenues)

School Reports (see Appendix A for Text of Report)

Admin. – Suzie Robertson/Dianne Khawas

1. SLPS continues to receive new enrollments – more than 500 students total in all classes

PA Day Report – Suzie Robertson

1. Staff sits together and prioritizes school issues -- Mathematics fundamentals was identified as key.
2. *A Parent's Guide to the Fundamentals of Math* will be circulated through the school community and used as a reference point through the year.
3. The process will ID the main needs of students, and lead to strategy for how SLPS will meet these maths needs.
4. "The Growth Mindset" is a valuable approach here, where mistakes are presented as driving development -- fostering math thinkers vs. math doers.
5. The provincial government is currently consulting online re: reform to the math curriculum

Teachers - TBD

1. Hoping to have Teacher reps attend future meetings.
2. Non-teaching reps are set to attend Council meeting next month (support staff).

Priority Needs List

1. Total costs of many items to assist in school programs and special events is just under \$10K.
2. Questions were asked regarding prioritization of items – overall rankings provided.
3. Motion for council to fund the Priority Needs List as a whole (\$9,941), plus \$2K to for Teachers at Sports Events (\$11,941 total). Motion brought by Amelia Kiteley, seconded by Melissa Adams – Unanimous vote in favour.

Constitution Review Committee – Teisha Gaylard/Melissa Adams

1. Committee has reviewed school council constitutions of other OCDSB schools, as well as Ontario Ministry of Education and OCDSB Guidelines
2. Suggestions for updates (draft) coming for future meeting

Chapters Fundraiser Summary – Melissa Adams

1. Better signage needed for future such events – is there a parent out there to help us? Call to go out.

Looking Ahead

Halloween Dance - Mike Kempa

1. Thanks for the forward work of the team; volunteer recruitment etc.
2. Organisation now at high pace – MK to contact all concerned

Scholastic Book Fair – Annabel Lee

1. Kathryn Rutherford and Harrison Xiao were thanked for leading volunteers
2. Online volunteer registration is on

Movie Night in November?

1. Friday 30 November? Tricia and Kathryn to organise with help. To choose movie - *Wreck It Ralph* or *The Secret Life of Pets*?

Events Review – new ideas

1. Deferred to another meeting due to time consideration.

New Business

Food trucks at Meet the Teacher next year – Annabel Lee

1. Brief discussion, but further discussion deferred to another meeting due to time consideration.

Future Playground Upgrades Fund – Annabel

1. Council discusses how much of the reserves to set aside for future upgrades.
2. Play structures range from \$20K to much more than \$80K in full costs.
3. Motion: Of the total amount in coffers, \$10K set aside this year for future playground upgrades. Motion brought by Tricia Gheorghe; seconded by Kristen Lafrance: unanimous vote of in favour.

2018 Fundraising Goals - Annabel/Tricia

1. Deferred to another meeting due to time consideration.

Varia

1. Possibly host other events, such as First Aid/CPR training for parents. To discuss.
2. Home Alone Program via Canada Safety Council. To discuss.

Adjourn - Next Council meeting is November 20th, 2018

The meeting was ended at 9:10pm.

Appendix A: Principal, Vice-Principal and Stadd Report OCTOBER 16TH 2018

1. Staffing:
New registrations to classes continue to trickle in, but no reorganization required
2. Thank you to School Council for the Walk to School event with fruit and coffee!
3. Windows on the side and back of the school are currently being changed. Students are moved to a portable to avoid noise during renovations when installation occurs.
4. Students and Staff enjoyed photo day today!
5. Successful Terry Fox Walk/Run this year again! We raised \$1016.10 with some additional online donations.
6. Yard Boundary changes were made to increase adult supervision. Area between portables is now closed. The pathway is the clear boundary. No students should go beyond it.
7. IEPs are going home today!
8. Successful CHAPTER'S Event last evening!
9. School clothing: SLPS or Falcon logo are available for ordering online.
10. Successful toiletry donation drive

11. UPCOMING DATES:

October 15-21st - Boomerangs - Waste Reduction Week in Canada-
<https://wrwcanada.com/en>

Thursday Oct. 18th - 11:00 NAC aventures musicales - performance in the gym for Grade 1-2-3

Monday Oct. 22nd - Municipal Elections - gym will be closed.

Tues. Oct. 23rd - Cross-country Regional Meet

Friday Oct. 26th - Halloween Dance

Thursday November 8th- Progress Reports go home

Coming soon: Playground Activity Leaders PALS organized by Mme Sara

<u>Stephen Leacock School Council Wish List</u>		October 16, 2018				
		Wish List Request	Cost per unit or details	Max. or approx.		Total Wish Amount
1	Arts					
a	Music Performance	Grades 1-2-3	approx	\$263.00		
b	Guitar tuners, strings and picks	Grades 4-5-6		\$325.00		
c	Art performances or workshops	Kinder to Gr. 6				
					subtotal	\$588.00
2	Sci, Math and Tech					
a	science equipment: hydraulic syringes, magnets, etc.	Kinder to Gr. 6		\$300.00		
b	building blocks	Kinder and Gr. 1		\$700.00		
c	play sand for sand tables	Kinder		\$175.00		
d	Science and coding workshop	Grades 1-6		\$3,500.00		
e	Kinder workshop					
					subtotal	\$4,675.00
3	Health/Phys Ed					
a	buses for cross-country meet	2 buses	Grades 4- 6	\$678.00		
b	13 more pairs of snowshoes		Kinder to Gr. 6	\$1,000.00		
c	overage for junior ski trip	unknown, maybe \$500	Gr. 4-6			
d	coverage for teachers at sports events	approx. 18 days at \$230/day		\$2,000.00		
					subtotal	\$3,678.00
4	Literacy					
a	Forest of Reading Program – bilingual	numerous classes + reading clubs	Gr. 2-6	\$2,000.00		
b	English Literacy subscriptions	RAZ	Gr. 2-3-4	\$450.00		
c	French Literacy subscriptions	Je lis, Info-Jeunes, etc.	Gr. 1-6	\$550.00		
					subtotal	\$3,000.00
					Estimated Total	\$11,941.00