

**Stephen Leacock PS Council
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2018
Room 138**

In attendance: Annabel Lee; Tricia Gheorghe; Teisha Gaylard; Winnie Mui; Melissa Adams; Kristen Lafrance; Harrison Xiao; Kathryn Rutherford; Amelia Kiteley; Michael Kempa; Yangbei Wang; Kara Howson; Ed Bowling; Yinghai Wu; Dianne Khawas; Suzie Robertson; Monique Poirier; Kelly Reid-Fortier; April-Lyn Gostlin

Call to Order – 7:05 pm

Approval of 16 October 2018 Minutes

Moved by Kara Howson. Seconded by Ed Bowling. Motion carried.

Approval of 20 November 2018 Agenda

Moved by Winnie Mui. Seconded by Tricia Gheorghe. Motion carried.

Chairs' Report – Annabel Lee & Tricia Gheorghe

Logo for school banner

After a discussion, Council chose the new "happy falcon" logo that was created for the school clothing. This logo will be put on a banner that the school can use at events, such as sports tournaments. Next step is to investigate options for banner size & style and pricing.

OCDSB Parent Conference & School Training Day

Annabel Lee attended this event, held on November 3, 2018. She attended three different sessions. She suggested that the Council host a speaker night for parents, featuring one of the speakers she heard at the conference.

Halloween Dance De-Brief

The team who helped put on the Halloween Dance was commended. Feedback we heard was that it was a good music playlist (thanks, DJ Bog!). Concerns were expressed that some children had gone outside to play during the event. Next year there should be better messaging around this, as well as better monitoring of side doors and maybe decorative "caution" tape on the side doors to discourage children from going outside by those doors.

Financial Report – Winnie Mui

Council has approx. \$14,000 in its account. At the last meeting, Council voted to set \$10,000 for future playground improvements, so there is actually only \$4,000 available to spend.

Principal's & Teachers' Report – Suzie Robertson (with contributions from Vice-Principal Dianne Khawas and Teachers April-Lyn Gostlin & Kelly Reid-Fortier)

Thanks to all parents who provided donations for Bayshore PS's white elephant sale.

The school plans to send a Safe Travel Planning survey to all parents so school staff can get a sense of how children travel to school and any concerns that parents might have. Council expressed support for this initiative and parent member Kathryn Rutherford volunteered to participate in the committee that would analyze the survey results.

OCDSB has launched a consultation called Building Brighter Futures Together so it can set its priorities for the next four years and develop its strategic plan 2019-2023. Emails from the Board will be going out to all parents during the week of Nov. 19. This Board consultation is separate from the one being conducted by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Staff have reviewed the School's learning plans. They are investigating ways to further students' development of oral French skills, and how technology can be used to further this goal. They are also focussing on the fundamentals of math.

Emergency procedure drills occur throughout the year. The bus evacuation drill is coming up, for all students.

The snowshoes that the Council funded will be delivered in December.

Lots of clubs and teams are active at the moment. There will be more indoor clubs as the weather gets colder.

Field trips have occurred or are occurring soon for Kinders, Gr. 3, 4 & 5.

Student workshops on robotics and coding have occurred or are occurring soon. There will be some special coding activities later in the year, but nothing as elaborate as last year's coding arcade because that took a lot of time.

There was discussion about the school participating in the Caribou Mathematics Competition, which is a worldwide online math contest for different grade levels. Participation in the competition would require some online set-up (approx 4-5 hours of time) and then about 1 hour of time per month. There was discussion about whether a parent volunteer could help with this.

Constitution Review Committee – Teisha/Melissa

Work continues on the constitution review – draft pending in near future.

Read-a-Thon – Ameila Kiteley

Planning for 2010; also discussed the development of a Dance-a-thon, which has done well in the past at other schools.

December meeting – cancelled: Next assembly is 22 January 2019

Looking Ahead –

Scholastic Book Fair

Speaker Series – event for parents with child care to be provided discussed, possibility of science night.

8:30pm meeting adjourned