
In attendance: October 24, 2018

Lynn Vanasse, Genevieve Harte, Atif Rashid, Michelle Guffie, Wendy Liu, Shayla Triemstra, Matt Triemstra, Laurie Rogers, Heather Thom, Lei Lei, Genevieve Gauthier-King, Rosalie Cross, Kimberley Thompson, Kamerine Gardam

Recording Secretary: Lei Lei

Meeting called to order: **6:30 pm**

1. **Call to Order, Introductions, Adoption of the finalized Agenda/Approval of September Minutes**
 - September minutes approved
 - By-law reviewed with no questions

2. **Principal / Vice Principal Update** [Genevieve Gauthier-King, Rosalie Cross]
 - Snapshot of PA Day activity
 - The staff was working on how to improve Math literacy and Math curriculum based on the EQAO data, the observation of teachers, and the parent fact sheet of Math fundamentals released in late August by the Ministry of Education.
 - It is found that students in Grade 4 and 6 still struggle with some fundamental skills. For those students with the gap of the skills, the focus was on how we identify those gaps and help them build more ability to recall, apply and use fundamental skills. We will continue to use efficient strategies, e.g. Number Talk, to try to give students a tool box that they can use to tackle Math problems. We did some math problems with our teachers too.
 - The school is required to do three fire drills in fall, and three in spring. The last exit was in 1 minute and 45 seconds, and was really an improvement. When minus degrees outside, students will grab clothes and go. Depending on situations, buses can be called to keep students warm and dry, and get us to other schools.
 - The bus evacuation drills will be held on November 5th. The main entrance door will be closed and the office will be closed too. And the lockdown drill is scheduled for the morning of November 15th.
 - Parents request to add one more day of the Lunch Lady every week. We checked with the Lunch Lady about the availability and are waiting for their reply.
 - Several field trips have been planed, thanks to the motion 1 and 2.
 - The board's goal is to renew technological resource in the school to add 45 new chromebooks and 20 more Ipads. And we try to have one electronic device every 4 or 5 students.
 - The school website was updated, posting news letter and calendar with big dates.
 - Parents request to know the decision making process of the school photographer. Photographers deliver their pitch in spring, and the selected one will sign the contract for one year. The feedback includes that non-secure payment site, lighting and background color and no family account available.

3. **Teacher Representative** [presented by Kimberley Thompson]
 - Two JK classes are going to the Miller's Farm on October 29th.
 - Yaki is coming on October 30th.

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- Junior Cross Country team participated on October 18 at Baxter Conservation area.
 - Junior Soccer Tournaments are this week. The two boys teams had a great day on Tuesday, though they were a bit cold! They ended up winning both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournaments. The girls teams will compete tomorrow.
 - Intermediate girls and boys touch football was Tuesday and Friday this week.
 - Intermediate Cross Country team did really well and moved on to board finals. 40 runners this year so needed to take a school bus. Big thank you to all parent volunteers.
 - Grade 2 is going to the Museum of Nature for workshop about water and a live butterfly exhibit on November 5th.
 - Junior art club has a couple more sessions in this 6 week club. They meet on Thursdays after school from 3:30-5:00. There was a large turn out. A second club will be run if possible starting in January and will give priority to children who were turn away round one.
 - The Musical this year will be Mary Poppins Jr.
 - Grade 7 band w/b starts on October 30th, 1st performance w/b mid December. No tryouts, all are welcome.
 - Grade 8 band started a few weeks ago, w/b performance on the Remembrance Day assembly at 10-11am.
 - Primary choir started in preparation of Remembrance Day

4. **Used Book Sale** [\[Heather Thom\]](#)

- Big success with the total sale \$5546.
- 210 boxes of high quality books to start and 16 boxes left which were sent to different places, e.g. community center, two public schools, Kanata United Church.
- Thanks to great volunteers for tidying, sorting, and putting the books back to the boxes.

5. **Vesey's Fundraiser** [\[Kamerine Gardam\]](#)

- The fundraising went really well with almost \$2400 collected.

6. **Treasurer** [\[Atif Rashid\]](#)

Bank balance:	\$68.7K
Less outstanding items (pizza), approved motions and working capital for next school year, total:	\$64.7K
Net balance (before October approved motions):	\$ 4K

The full treasurer report will be posted on the website with the minutes

7. **Chair/Vice-Chair** [\[Lynn Vanasse\]](#)

- ***Outdoor Classrooms update:*** The planners from the board were in and met with the Student Council teacher advisors Natalie Martyn and Chanelle Daigle, VP Rosalie Cross and School Council Chair Lynn Vanasse on Thursday, October 18 to discuss the classrooms and look at the sites. A site drawing and estimate for the rear kinder-yard was finally provided the same day as our council meeting (Oct 24). Unfortunately we had under-guesstimated what the rear kinder-yard might cost - fund has more than enough to do the front classroom for the grade 3-8 students but more fundraising will be required to get the rear

classroom for K-2 done at the same time. More information will be provided at November meeting.

- **PRO Grant news:** The provincial government has hit pause on the grant program and we're waiting to hear what that means, but it doesn't look good as the school board is also in the dark. Council discussed and consensus was to try to organize a math night for parents anyway but rather than pay to have a speaker come in, Mme Gauthier-King will try to find staff members willing to be presenters similar to the math night in 2016-2017. Council would finance materials and snacks.

8. **OCASC** [Genevieve Harte]

- School climate survey results will come in.
- 2018 Parent Conference and School Council Training Day held on November 3rd.
- Next OCASC meeting will be held on November 22nd, 2018.

9. **Volunteer Coordinator** [Ahmed Teymouri- absent]

- For the Halloween Dance 12 volunteers signed up including principal & vice principal.
- 11 Student Council members will also be there to run the snack table & photo booth.

10. **Special Events Coordinator** [Wendy Liu]

- Halloween dance is scheduled from 6-7:30 pm on October 26th, 2018.
- Volunteers from the Student Council will bring their own float.

11. **Pizza Coordinator** [Sarah Blackadder]

- 80 pizzas delivered this week, arrived hot and fresh, and it is running well.
- There are couple of cancellations, e.g. orders changed from 2 pieces to 1 piece.

12. **Communications** [Bilyana Anicic - absent]

- Updated the website, pizza and email systems with 2018/2019 Council information.
- Regular pizza updates are going well - working closely with Sarah.
- Added 3 bios - thank those who provided theirs and encourage others to provide theirs (with photos).
- Interested in hearing about Board's future plans for individual Council websites and how it would affect us and timeline.

13. **Secretary** [Lei Lei]

No updates for this month.

14. **Parents at Large** [Laurie Rogers, Michelle Guffie]

High School News: In collaboration with the Riverside South Community Association and the office of our local MPP, Goldie Ghamari, the SMPS Parent Council is planning to lead a public campaign to advocate for the high school which will include:

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- Submitting a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
 - Launching a campaign for parents/community members to write letters of support directly to the Minister of Education

Our MPP Goldie Ghamari confirmed that supporting that high school was a priority for her and she would work with her staff to get an update from the Ministry of Education on the status of the capital planning process at the Ministry level and provide guidance on next steps for whether/how the community could get involved to make the high school a priority for approval.

Fundraising Ideas: Plan to lead a family-friendly Yoga at the Gym for about an hour and half, mainly with relaxation and gentle float. More details will come.

15. Round Table Discussion

- **Form a BBQ/Funfest Committee:** Possible activities include face-painting, group performance, carnival games, Glee Club stage, food trucks, etc. Parents are welcome.
- Spring dance was booked for Valentine's day, the same week as the musical performance.
- Possibility of having a movie night. Parents can buy admission and snack on School Cash online.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Next School Council Meeting: [November 28, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm](#)

MOTION #1: APPROVED

To provide funds up to \$500 for the 2019 Used Book Sale for the purchase of high quality used books to resell.