



Front of Yonge Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting
November 6, 2018

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Tanya Sinclair, Jill Topping, Laurie Sponagle, Jennifer Oomen, Michele Richards, Jennifer Moore, Crystal Kent, Marianne Monteith, Ashley Perkins

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

The agenda was approved with no changes.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on October 10, 2018 were approved with the following changes:

- \$6000 was withdrawn from school account, not Parent Council's, for swings,
- \$350 was given by Village Fair Committee, not Front of Yonge Township, and
- next year is when Brazilian exchange students are coming (not this year).

(moved Michele Richards/seconded Laurie Sponagle)

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principal's Report (see Appendix 1)

November 22nd - Shriner's Presentation by 12 year-old musician Bella Rosa, who is their international spokesperson.

The WE Scare Hunger campaign was a great success! WE Day is November 14th.

Mrs. Perkins showed us the coding robots in the library.

Financial Report

- \$3618 balance (with luv2groove out),
- \$1100 has been made to date for canteens and fundraising (\$182 made from art fundraiser; Laurie has some great ideas for next time!)

- Mrs. Moore has requested funds for outdoor balls. Once soccer nets and swings have been paid for, we can use leftover money for this.
- Note for next year: ask for \$50 floats instead of \$100.

Trustee's Report

No report at this time.

Safe School Committee

No report at this time.

School Yard Enhancement

The swing sets are going in soon! The utilities locate has been done. We expect it to cost \$6000 for the swings.

Tanya has been in touch with the Soccer Den. There are a few different options for nets. Tanya will put together a few quotes for us to look over.

Fundraising

December 19th is the Christmas Concert (afternoon and evening shows at 1:30 and 6:00 p.m.). We'll do a Cookie Walk at the concerts (beginning at 1:00 and 5:30).

- Jen Oomen will ask the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Legion if they will bake for us
- Tanya will send out a call for baking donations with the December newsletter
- leftovers will be donated to Loaves and Fishes
- leftover chocolate bars/sour keys will be transformed into holiday treats to sell
- Tanya will pick up some more containers
- prices: \$4, \$7 and \$12

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Appendix 1 - Principal's Report

Principal Message: November 6, 2018

- Our book fair was held on November 1st and 2nd here at the school. We raised \$250 at the event. This will all go into our Learning Commons where our students directly benefit from it. Also, Indigo Bookstore has given us \$160 worth of materials for our Learning Commons. This money comes from their Adopt a School Program.
- D.R. MacGregor is an Officer from the Military. He has come in for a visit before Remembrance Day the last couple of years. D.R. will be in to visit again this year on November 8th. He will be doing a question and answer period with Grade 2 and 3 for about 40 minutes. Then he will be talking with the grade 4/5 and 5/6 students about the Life of a Soldier.
- Coach House Visits for our primary classes are in December
 - December 4th Grade 1
 - December 6th Grade 2
 - December 11th Grade 3
- Remembrance Road Ceremony will be held on November 9th. Grades 1 through 6 will be attending the ceremony. Our grade 2 class will be reading a poem, a couple of our grade 5 students are reading a French Poem and our grade 5/6 class are standing by each cross with a Canadian Flag.
- Progress Reports go home on November 7th. These are a snapshot of the progress your child is making in learning skills, numeracy, and literacy. There is a French comment that lets you know what they have been working on in the French Program and on some reports there will be comments in other subject areas if your child is experiencing some difficulties.
- School focus around Numeracy is on Fundamental Math Skills. This is the directive Province wide. Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Crawford and I are attending meetings on building our professional knowledge around math fluency with our students. Our School Improvement work focuses on math fluency in addition and subtraction skills. As an entire staff we have viewed a webinar on Building Mathematical Minds, Addition and Subtraction from K-3. There is evidence of this work in the classrooms daily.