

Essex Street Public School Council Meeting

January 16, 2014 @ 6 p.m.

Minutes

Co-Chairs: Patti Parashos and Vanda Lopes

Note Taker: Karin Trevett

Attendees: Patti Parashos, Vanda Lopes, George Lopes, Darlene Eriksen, Carol Roberts, Milisa Burns, Jean Hammond, Rob Iozzo, Letizia Iozzo, Lin Kwan, Nicole Belcourt, Sammara Khajo, Jack Phillips, Jim Stathopoulos, Natalie Patterson

1. Approval of Minutes

- Jean approves the Minutes and Letizia seconds.

2. Principal's Report

Jim Stathopoulos provided the Principal's Report:

- Jim introduced Natalie Patterson, our new Vice-Principal, who has come to us from King Edward Public School.
- December 4th Coffee Break was sponsored by Fiesta Farms and was well attended.
- December 6th Character Assembly was highly successful. Great skits, songs, and presentations.
- Assembly planned on a particular character trait in February.
- Holiday Concert and sing-along was a success.
- Ski Trip coming up- 50 students.
- Defibrillator has arrived. 8 members of staff have been trained. It was donated by Phillips Canada.
- Open Houses ongoing for Grade 8 students.
- Kindergarten Registration in early February.
- Math focus continues.
- PA day January 24th.
- Lunar New Year celebration on February 4th. There will be an assembly and luncheon. \$3.50 for a lunch ticket and \$1.00 for a drink. Jim asked council for \$200.00 for paper plates, money envelopes, etc. The request was approved.
- Grade 7 and 8 Ski Trip. Jim asked for \$500 from School Council to help with transportation costs. Council deferred decision until after Treasurer's Report.

3. Treasurer's Report

George Lopes provided the Treasurer's Report.

- Provisional balance: \$9,623.59.
- There was a discussion of larger budget issues.
- Jim's request for \$500 from Council to help with Ski Trip transportation was approved.
- Patti applied for a \$1,000 grant from TDSB

4. Fundraising Report

Letizia Iozzo provided the Fundraising Report.

- Mabel's Labels fundraiser is ongoing. So far they've only taken 2 orders.
- Bingo Night on April 11th.
- Garage Sale on May 10th with Bake Sale.
- Jim will put a notice in with Report Cards asking for donations to the Garage Sale.

5. Model School's Report

Lynne Martens provided the Model School's Report.

- Parent Academy: Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying are the topics of the next workshop. It will take place before March Break.
- TDSB Parent Academy Workshop April 5th. It takes place a long way away, but there will be buses.
- Spaces available at Bob Abate in March Break Camps.

6. Ward Report

Karin Trevett provided the Ward Report.

- Anthony Levy gave a presentation, from his perspective as a teacher, on the usefulness of the EQAO.
- Many parents at the meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the EQAO.

7. Other Business

- Lin discussed plans for Literacy Day on January 27th.
- There will be a session for parents to come in and read to kids after school until 6 p.m.
- Next Meetings: February 27th, April 2nd, May 1st, June 18th.