

St. Andrew's Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018
9:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Staff: Principal Jessica Feldberg
Vice Principal Ryan Heritage

Council: Leslie Gage, Marg Cathers, Nabil Altai, Vito Marinuzzi, Cynthia Qian, Amanda Cepler, Kas Lingenfelter, Amran Abocar

Absent: Denise Vavaroutsos, Raheema Naran, Marni Stepak

1. Welcome & introductions

J. Feldberg/ L. Gage

Leslie and welcomed all attendees.

2. Approval of Minutes

No formal minutes from Oct. 27 transition meeting. Informal minutes are posted on parent council section of school blog.

3. Treasurer's Report

N. Altai

- Update provided on 2018-2019 funds, total about \$37,000. Details at end.
- Discussion was had on making budget allocations for fixed expenditures, such as 2018 graduation. To be discussed at next meeting.
- Suggestion raised to increase pizza lunches from current eight to ten. Any increase would need to take into account health requirements.

4. New Business

A. Stage renovation

J. Feldberg

- Jessica updated on an opportunity to have the performance space renovated by the TDSB, including significant upgrades for the stage equipment.
- Timeline for upgrades is Feb-May. Additional upgrades, e.g. speakers, lighting, projectors etc. of approx. C\$35K-C\$50K would require funding from elsewhere.
- Discussion around whether parent council would be able to fundraise for new equipment and various ideas raised for discussion at next meeting, including a silent auction, moving Jazz Night to February, seeking company donations to parent council.
- Jessica checking into sponsorship labelling opportunities for corporate donors

B. Music Night

M. Cathers

- Eighteen volunteers have signed up for Music Night to date; Ryan has posted details on school blog including on revised ticket prices and call for volunteers for bake sale.
- Speciality drinks and bake sale will be assisted by ever helpful Grade 8 students.
- A Parent Pre-Concert Social is being held at 5:30 pm before the Concert which starts at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:15pm.

- Cynthia Qian brought up the idea of ordering through Cash Online, in a first come first serve system with numbered or coloured tickets to identify seating. This idea will be looked into by Council and considered for future.
- Lisa proposed that we offer Pizza at Music Night, it was decided that we wouldn't due to time constraints.
- One parent shared that her daughter in Grade 8 was disappointed to hear that there would be no play this year. Jessica is looking into the prospect of Grade 8's putting on a play this year since there wasn't one last year.

5. Standing Items (Updates where available.)

- Communication: The school blog now includes a link for parent council.

A. Principal's Report

J. Feldberg

- Jessica stated that it has been a great start to the year, noting staff have been excited by arrival of a new Grade 6 cohort and the move to middle school from junior high. She acknowledged budget changes due to the school's transition.
- Jessica expressed her pride at participation of St. Andrew's marching band in Santa Clause parades.
- Jessica is looking into possibility of increased play productions on an annual basis

B. Vice Principal's Report R. Heritage

- Ryan and Jessica highlighted the opportunity to upgrade the performance space.

C. Teachers Report

J. Feldberg

- No update at this time.

D. Student Leadership Council Report

J. Feldberg

- No update at this time.

E. Caring and Safe School Report

L. Gage

- School safety zone initiative recently discussed at Owen Public School, including the need for more flashing signs and zebra marks.
- St. Andrew's has different issues, centered more around congestion than speeding.
- Discussion for next meeting: whether use of parent volunteers in mornings and afternoons will help.

F. Review of School Statement of Needs

J. Feldberg/L. Gage

- A proposed version will be sent out for discussion at next meeting.

6. Other Items

- Brainstorming around facilitating more parent engagement and social opportunities

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Next Meetings:

DATE TBD – Event sub-committee to discuss February social centered around music program event. All parents welcome.

Monday, Jan. 14, 630pm – Parent council meeting. All parents welcome.

Location: Library

St. Andrew's Parent Council Financial Plan 2018-2019

School Council co-Chairs Leslie Gage, Meg Cathers

School Council co-Treasurers Vito Marinuzzi, Nabil Altai

Expected Inflows: *Funds from carry-over, current year fundraising initiatives and parent collections*

Activity	Estimated Amount (\$)	
Carry-over from 2017-18: balance as of October 26, 2018 (RBC account)	13,470	actual
Donations from Parents	11,871	Available (Nov 2
TDSB funding to Parent Council		
PRO Grant		
Pizza lunch	12,188	as of October 17
Bake sale		
SFC cards		
NEW: 4 signature fundraisers		proposed NEW
Total	37,529	

Expected Outflows: *To include outflows for both current and next school year*

Activity	Estimated Amount (\$)	
about 25% hold back for future		
TECH upgrades		
Classroom Tools		
parent workshop (PRO GRANT)		
supplies for extra curricular		
legacy gift + celebration		
Graduation and year-end activities		
Supplies, bank charges, misc.		
OTHER		
Total	-	