

Minutes
19 October 2016
Howard Public School Council
7:00pm - 9:00pm

1. **Welcome – Linda Torry (LT) and Sara Tweedie (ST)**
2. **Approval of the agenda, LZ, KvL**
3. **Approval of the minutes of September 2016, KN, TM**
4. **Introduction on the New Executive and Their Roles – LT and ST**
5. **Principal's report – Rosanna Sardella (RS)**
Budget \$93,703, down from last year due to fewer kids. \$500 per teacher, \$250 half-time teachers. Kindy curriculum, primary and junior curriculum money. Office costs, field trips (\$250 per class), music, phys ed, PD, etc. Increased tech to \$9000. \$5000 for library books.

Working on vision of learning for School Improvement plan. Math, well-ness committee, equity three priorities. Visit by superintendent.

Jane Phillips-Long new superintendent, wants principal/vice principals in classrooms to give more support to teachers.

Aileen Macdonald, nice to have principal that shares operating budget. Work together with our school council spend.

6. **Committee updates**
Shout out to Erin McCaughan for success of fall fete.
Shout out to Sophie Kierulf for QSP success.

Ward 7: Equity initiative. PIAC conference coming up. How to get involved. People for Education Conference Nov. 12th. (AM)

Arts Council – Candice Levine

All kids to YPT, jk-1 Munsch time plus bus; older kids James and Giant Peach (plus ttc)
All classes workshop, kickstart arts drama workshop using graphic novel about refugees.
Three classes to Harbourfront for digital photography
Creative movement for three classes
Four classes 3-d Sculpture
Visual art workshops for few classes
Total request: \$13,500

Music – Linda Torry for Wendy Spademan

k-gr 6 including choir.

\$5700

Accompanist for choir, instrument repair, new ukuleles, Kiwanis fees and bussing.
Replacing choir shirts.

Ask for piano repairs, Heinzman piano, taken apart and put back together. \$15,000,
TDSB will pay \$5000. Ask for \$10,000.

Update on Marlies game. Need volunteer to help with tickets. December 4, 3 pm game.

Technology -- Dorothy Chen

\$11,000. Chromebooks for library (top up to full set).

Tech tubs with i-pads for teachers to book

Headphones with microphones for dictation

Headphones for i-pads/chrome books.

Green screen for video editing.

Sports Council – Kathy Narraway

Thanks to Ms Ringler and Mme Gaudreault for great cross country meet

Pay for cross country bus

DPA money for three classes

Set of new uniforms for sports team.

Primary play day, tournament with another school. Soccer? Something for primary kids.

\$2500

Food and Nutrition – Zoe Traiforos and Heath Feldman

\$1000

Focus on lunchroom, healthy snacks, calming lunchroom.

Rolling racks for winter coats for not wearing coats while eating.

Adding SHAC under umbrella

Mental Health and Well-being -- MM

Parenting workshops, safe space materials, calming materials, work with lunchroom
situation, bullying, allergy awareness

\$3000

Environment Committee – Lesley Smeaton

\$1500 for learning garden, eco-club etc. Plus money for outdoor classroom by learning
garden \$2000. Details to come.

Eco-schools program ward 7 and 9 at Howard on October 20th.

STEM – Liz Phillips

Building phase. New program. \$3800 request.

Rachadi tech club/science club. STEM kits, robotics focus, older grades

Hands-on science for younger kids, need parent volunteers. Makers kids idea.

Wulf – electrical units.

Primary and kindy reps – new science manipulatives.

Scientist in classroom/engineer in class. \$200-300 per class.

Mental Health – MM

7. Finance Update and Budget -- Tory Millar

1. Review of School Council Spending Guidelines

Adding Nutrition to priority area

2. Review of proposals presented to date, including reserve

3. Review Draft Budget

Big Four: Fall fete 31000, qsp 9250, pizza lunch 8500, dance-a-thon 4250

Small revenue from music fund (15,000 in, 13,000 out)

Grant for operating, parent reaching out grant etc.

Roughly \$76,000

Enhancements \$300 per full time teacher, \$150 for part time. New teacher requests.

Spend \$79,000, can draw down 3000 from reserve of 14,000.

Room to ask for more money later.

4. Discuss and Vote on Draft Budget

ZT: survey on lunchroom, split lunch vs all kids eat at once. May need new tables, \$2000 per table, likely need six tables. Need to get survey out before can ask for money.

AM: focus on math at ward 7 meeting. Math manipulatives?

AM: More spending on mental health and sports, 1 per cent and 3 per cent, should be higher.

8. Reminders about School Council Spending

1. No carry-over spending. If you do not spend the funds AND submit requests for disbursement by the end of the school year, the funds go back in to the general pot for next year.

2. Establish scheduled reports/updates from the big committees at the January, March, and May meetings (STEM, Arts, MHWB, Environment and Sports Committees). Updates to cover:

- i) spend to date vs. budget

- ii) activities/programs completed
- iii) activities/programs scheduled
- iv) successes
- v) challenges

9. Charitable Giving – Kailea Lorenson (KL), \$1500-2000.

Proposal to donate specific fundraiser (eg dance-a-thon funds) for sister school, other charities. Frank Oke a secondary school for kids with mild intellectual disabilities. Jane and Sinclair area, area west of Yonge, most bussed in. LOI 13th needy school in all TDSB.

Smart board, alumni night for graduating students/share success stories etc.

AM: donate dance-a-thon money to Frank Oke. Discuss at November meeting. Ask for proposals. Make sure parent community knows donating money.

10. Major Piano Repairs

\$5000 from TDSB, need 10-11,000 from us.

Wendy Spademan retiring in June. Need to replace from within staff. ZT: New staff might not want to continue program, use piano.

EM: Social evening in February? Make it a fundraiser towards piano repair? Legacy for WS.

LP: Save the piano fundraiser. Specific fundraiser. Send it to fundraising committee?

Motion: Defer piano discussion until more information comes in. Approve budget in principal. AM.

11. Other Business

Lunch room tables

Howard Happenings needs submissions, needs committee heads to do write-ups.

Mr P: Girls softball team won tournament, finals 20 October. Boys lost in extra innings, didn't make finals. Second cross country meet 19 October. Boys volleyball starting soon. Girls basketball next week. Ice hockey in mid-November.

12. Deferred to next meeting:

Piano discussion and charitable giving. Lunch room tables

LZ motion to approve budget, JJ seconder. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53. Motion by TM, seconded by LZ. Approved.

Next Meeting: November 16th at 7 pm.

Minutes taken Michelle McBride