

Minutes
17 October 2018
Howard Public School Council
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Library

1. **Welcome (Sara Tweedie) and Land Acknowledgment (Michelle Stafford)**
2. **Approval of the agenda approved with addition of school bus safety and correcting dates**, approved by Dorothy Chen, seconded by Laura Bourdreau
3. **Approval of the minutes of September 2018**, approved Dorothy Chen, Laura Bourdreau
4. **Introduction on the New Executive and Their Roles**
Michelle Stafford, Sofia Harwell, Katherine Getler members at large
Erin McCaughan and Sara Tweedie, co-chairs
Laura Boudreau, vice-chair
Michelle McBride, secretary
5. **Principal's report – Esme McKenzie**
Amazing fall fete. Thanks to all parents and volunteers.

Roofing project, weds oct 24 at 530 in library for parents to talk to TDSB people in charge of project, how long, materials used, safety protocols etc. Will have mds sheets in office after meeting. Some doors for entry may be changed due to work location, will have information ahead of time.

PD Day, staff training on student achievement, well being and equity. Where are we on goals from last year? Where to go forward. Look at parents survey from 2016, eqao data, report card data. Achievement goal: fundamentals of math, literacy skills in math application questions, will that help achievement? Well being goal: emotional self awareness, concrete coping strategies will that help students? Zones of regulation may be put in to place on school wide basis, have teachers use same strategies and language. Equity: students: community circles in classes to value student opinions. Will that help students feel more comfortable, be involved. Staff goal: staff social identity, look at privileges, will that help with equity? Learning coach coming in to work three times with staff. Want overall goal of reducing barriers around equity and inclusion.

Parent question: lots of questions, no concrete goals. Answer: will look at how improved, show evidence

Parent question? Choir. No longer an extra curricular, if its in the daily schedule does it replace music? Answer: still part of music. Will do choir in school day. Will still do Marlies game and Kiwanis festival, just practice in school day. More equitable during

day, all kids go, not just ones who can make it before school. Will still do orff instruments and other parts of music program.

Parent question: how much is tech being used in school? Is there a threshold? Is there thought about how being engaged. What is it being used for. Ask child's teacher, school will look in to it on broader basis. So different depending on grades, older kids do projects, younger kids more projectors, reading centers etc.

6. Fall Fete Update (Nancy)

Thanks to all the volunteers, amazing turnover, everyone helped. Thanks to admin, teachers who volunteered, especially those in the dunk tank! Thanks to all the donors, new restaurants, community members. Team effort. Made about \$18000, still some expenses outstanding. On track for past years with silent auction moved to spring.

7. Seat belts: since 2010 known that high back seats on school buses if hit on side, could have prevented deaths and minor injuries if wearing seat belts. Transportation minister will look at issue of seat belts. Lise-anne, wants push for all school buses to have seat belts. TDSB has approved lists of school bus vendors, need to find out if any have seat belts. In calling companies only one had seat belts. Costs higher if seat belts. Especially important if buses going on highways, high speed. Can we budget for greater costs? Can we research what's available for seat belts. Want to pressure bus companies to get seat belts, going to talk to trustees etc. Problem with field trips. Lise-anne to do more research and come back to us.

8. Finance Update and Budget – Valerie Milburn

1. Review of proposals presented to date, including reserve. Estimates only!

Fall Fete: 20,000

Food and Spirit Wear: 10,000

Dance-a-thon: 4000

Direct ask: 5000

Segregated Funds: 2000 (may be 1000 as pro grant funding on hold at ministry level)

Current reserve: 41000 (40,000 if no pro grant)

Soft qsp? Launch without prizes. May be necessary if we don't get anticipated revenues.

Current Asks:

Nutrition committee: Zoe Traiforos, \$1000 for plant tower, soil and plants etc. Bought one last year, just need to get plants. Can be done year round

Arts: Dorothy for Candice, two performances in school, one artist per class, mural in spring, 1500 for repairing mural. \$12,434

Tech: Dorothy: 15,000. School budget 2700, greatly reduced. Working with admin, Rachadi and Simanic. Headphones, mice, cables, speakers, adapters for current tech. I-pads for kindys for documenting and recording projects. Shared amongst kindy classes. 10 chrome books as existing ones likely to die out soon, some 4 years old. Some maintenance money for repairs. Could defer \$3000 to spring social.

Environment – Lesley Smeaton

Plant sourcing for area behind box where kids are being injured, falling. Hope to source free plants but may need \$1000. Need parents to help with committee

STEM: Liz Philips, \$6500.

Hoping to do tech club if can get a teacher sponsor, materials etc \$1000. Science in the school. Family lending library for we-do kits \$500. Parent outreach night \$400. STEM night \$1000 for supplies, snacks. Science manipulatives for class rooms \$1000 (electrical kits etc). Possibility to buy microscopes/biological supplies? Will gauge teacher interest.

MHWP: Michelle McBride

\$4000. Work with admin to support school based mhwp programs. Evening workshops for parents. Wiggle stools. Fidget supplies, noise cancelling headphones etc.

Sports: Ask of \$2800. \$400 for dpa equipment for classes, kinder equipment, new trikes. Buses for track, sports equipment, hockey teams, ringette, floor hockey want goggles for all sports teams. New uniforms for various teams.

Equity: Midori and Haley

New committee last year. Pulse of Howard community survey. \$5500. \$3000 for classroom funds for teachers to do workshops for classes, resources, reading lists etc. \$1500 arts based workshops, \$500 for honorarium on decolonization, bring in indigenous elder to school. PRO grant cancelled.

Total: roughly \$49,000 plus 18000 (grad, classroom teachers, chess, hampers, etc). Total ask 65,800, have \$63,000. That's without any money coming in from spring social, qsp and only accounting for \$5000 in direct ask which is currently at \$4000 without a big outreach, only sent out one letter so far so as not to compete with fete.

Motion to spend approve the budget as presented. LP, DC. Tech and Arts to defer some spending until have commitment to run spring social, see how much money direct donations brings in.

2. Review Draft Budget

See attached budget. \$250 per teacher \$7500.
Chess \$3000
Forest of reading \$2200 (approved in Sept)
Holiday hampers \$1000
Police checks \$300
Class lists (printing, access to data base) \$300
Jk night \$500 (welcome to kindy classes)
General supplies \$200
Movie night \$500
Potluck \$1500
Grade 6 graduation \$750
Spent: \$17,550

3. Discuss and Vote on Draft Budget. Approved, Liz Philips, Dorothy Chen.

9. Reminders about School Council Spending

Establish scheduled reports/updates from the big committees at the January, March, and May meetings (STEM, Arts, 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

10. Other Business

After school Clubs, Joel. Wants to bring film maker clubs 6-7 weeks after school, film making on ipad minis, film festival at end. Looking for teacher volunteer, for grades 4-6.

Upcoming events

Charity Meeting November

Piac conference November 17

Election October 22

Next Meeting: November 21 at 7 pm.