

ELKHORN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Jan 14 2019 6:00pm @ Elkhorn Public School Staff Room

In Attendance

Council Members

Melody Nguyen, Co-Chair	Shadi Lessan, Co-Chair	Mandy Hung, Secretary
Michael Hurwich, Treasurer	Ali Moayed	Kim Rozmahel
Natalya Selina		

Teachers/Principal

Holly Richards, Principal	Joanna Lanning, Teacher	Michelle Barnabe, Teacher
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Parents / Guests in Attendance

Mark Bui, Parent	Susan Choi, Parent	James Li, Trustee
Susan Wires, Bayview Village Assoc.		

Absence

Dawn Zdzienicki	Andrei Simion	Maryam Pakdel
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Welcome from the Co-Chairs

- Melody and Shadi opened the meeting.
- Mark Bui created donation package folders and distribution to council member to hand out to businesses to request for playscape donations

Principal's Update

- Kindergarten registration to start in Feb
- Both holiday events were very successful: Socks for Sole and Holiday Concert
 - Council inquired about possible venue for future Holiday Concerts as space in Elkhorn gym cannot accommodate the population at one sitting. Holly advised venue needs to have classroom to house waiting students, especially for the kindergarteners. She will look into options for future events.

Chess with Mr. S update

- Holly had a meeting with Chess with Mr. S and confirmed they can use the Learning Commons
- There was discussion on putting together wait list and Subsidy option for the next session (in March)

Staff updates:

- Ms. Lee coming back from maternity leave, whom is being backfill by Ms. Dolan
- Ms. Cattaruzza gave birth to a daughter in Dec 2018

- Mr. Tang is organizing a Moving Education Dance Movement program with a profession dance company. Dates: Mar5, Apr 11 and May 23
- Upcoming clubs: Jr Boy Basketball, Jr Girl Volleyball, Knitting Club, Choir
- STEM program started

Treasurer's Update

- Michael had to leave the meeting early. Melody led the financial discussions and provided updates.

Elkhorn remaining funds from 2017-2018 school year

- Michael, Melody, Holly with the help of Marissa Chiu reconciled the remaining balance of SAC bank account when it was closed in July 2018. All agreed that there is \$3588.55 balance carried forward. It was proposed this fund be contributed to the Teachers' Technology Proposal for 2018-19. Council to vote online.

Financial updates

- Melody shared the income from various SAC Fundraising events; she will send a copy of the financial statement to the council
 - Pizza Lunch \$8998.58 (going to playscape)
 - Movie Night \$182.63
 - Holiday Event \$1116.91
 - Candygrams \$171.79
 - Fundscip \$855.64
- There are some questions about how details of the donation account balance \$23,277.00 - Melody to reach out to Marisa for more information
- Melody to distribute Treasure report via email

Council Business

Prologue:

- Exploring the Impossible or The Velveteen Rabbit or Peter and The Wolf
- Council to work with Holly to book date, arrange time / rest period

Grant Program \$1000:

- Proposed Title "Family Math Night"
- Engagement parent and children, math games night

Funfair

- Getting quotes from suppliers
- Food trucks
- Ms. Chun propose classes decorate cottage chairs for silent auction

Guest Speakers

Susan Wires, Bayview Village Association

- Susan spoke about BVA outreach program to connect with the community about concerns like: housing issues and construction at Bayview Village Mall that would have possible impact on hospital, sewage system. They are trying to meet with the city councilor to advocate for less developments and ways to reduce the impact.
- Neighborhood watch liaison with the Toronto Police. The BVA is urging residents to contact the BVA when there are issues for patterns.

- BVA organizes community events, like, Halloween party, newsletter. The school can advertise on their newsletters and vice versa. They are currently organizing a Park Party, more details to come
- BVA's goal is to connect with the Bayview Village community and keep the neighborhood safe. Annual membership is \$25

James Li, Trustee

- James is here on a 4 years term, he is committed to public Education improvement. James advised he is setting up a Ward Council and invited Elkhorn to have 2 parents join the council.
- James will speak with the MPP about fundraising for the Elkhorn playscape, and how this will impact the whole community.
- James invited the council to attend the Chinese New Year Celebration with the MPP on Feb 16 2-5pm
- Holly (Principal) and James discussed some of the big issues at Elkhorn: Space at Elkhorn, information about school boundaries, Traffic and Safety concerns during pick up and drop off.

Approval of Minutes

- No motion to approve the meeting minutes from Dec 10 2018.

Next Meeting

Monday Feb 11 2019 @ 6:00pm Elkhorn Staff Room

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm / Minutes taken by Mandy Hung