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Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 6:30 – ÉWES Staff Room & Zoom

Laura Lang, Chair Sarah Gallina, Vice Chair Kelly Jiang, Secretary Johanna Havelaar, Treasurer Ron Davis, Member	Donna Haughton, Member (online) Alisha McLean, Member Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Sheila Merkley - parent Gary Whittle - parent Marsha - parent (online) Valerie Long - Vice Principal (online)
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Actions

Actions	In-charge	Due Date/Status
1. Coffee and Doughnuts ● Sarah will buy the coffee and doughnuts for teachers	Sarah	December 15
2. Sledding December ● Alisha will make hot chocolate	Alisha	December 19
3. FTGU ● Johanna will find out information	Johanna	January 31
4. Busing ● Sarah will invite Trevor Ratcliff to January SC meeting	Sarah	January 31
5. December Movie ● Johanna will send a poster to Sharon	Johanna	December 1
6. Year of End BBQ ● Johanna will research some BBQ stove renters	Johanna	
7. Ready to Learn ● Sarah will contact the department and arrange a presentation for SC	Sarah	
8. Project Advisory Committee ● Sarah will contact Chris Hanlin	Sarah	

1. Call to Order - 6:29pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Lori won't be in today's meeting, she will be in December meeting
- Update 5 to School Council Membership - Prepare Ron's revoke letter
- 7.5 delete transportation committee
- Take out 7.1, legislated overview about predictable act

- Johanna motioned, and Sarah seconded, all favor

3. Adoption of October Minutes

- 3.1. Alisha motioned, and Johanna seconded, all in favor

4. Recognition of Community Members

5. School Council Membership

- Ron Davis has missed the SC meetings for more than three times without any notification. As per Education Act section 151.1, SC decide to revoke Ron Davis from the EWES SC.
- Motion to approve by Alisha, seconded by Sarah, and All in favour

6. Reports

a. Administration Report - Sharon

- a) Mme Sharon provided the October administration report
- b) Pre-conference checklist, teacher-parent conference and March report card - feedback from the SC are good
- c) Busing:
 - Background information: Grade 6&7 have outdoor activity programs and need activity bus. EWES has scheduled the activity bus. However, the Department of Education made a decision allocate the bus permanently to another school.
 - Current cost: Activity buses cost almost \$3000 per month. The Department of Education has provided \$20,000 funding to EWES to address this issue. Mme Sharon requested SC to keep advocating for busing for the next school year.

b. Financial/Treasurer Report

- a) Staff-wellness: Dec 15 will do the coffee and Doughnuts for teachers. Budget is \$150. (Sarah will be in-charge). Motion to approve by Alisha, seconded by Johanna, and All in favour.
- b) Funding Agreement: Laura signed it.
- c) Defer the discussion on sensory room equipment to December meeting.
- d) Fundraising: sledding December 19 - hot chocolate by donation
- e) Johanna will find out information about FTGU

7. New Business

7.1. SOGI Policy

- Gary briefly explained the Education Act preamble
 - References: Child and Family Act, Education Act, Sexual Orientation Act
 - Discuss more in the December meeting

7.2. AYSCBC conference

- Laura, Johanna and Sarah attended to the meeting
- Topics:
 - Busing;
 - ✧ EWES busing issue - the Department of Education took out EWES activity bus without consultation. SC needs to advocate, starting in January, for a busing solution for the next school year.
 - ✧ January meeting agenda - invite Trevor Ratcliff (A/Superintendent)
 - Child mental health and wellness;
 - Current issues in education systems, especially the curriculum system;

- Skills Canada - SC suggested have them in January 2024 SC meeting. Deliver the message to the teachers of Grade 4-7, the teachers make the decision and then let SC know.
- Performance evaluation - SC can request evaluation of teachers and principal, a summary report will send back to SC.

7.3. Community Event

- December movie - December 14 at 5 pm to 7 pm
 - Arthur Christmas - French
 - Johanna will do a poster and send to Mme Sharon
 - Capacity is 120 people, juice and popcorn will be provided
 - SC will pay for the cost. Free for EWES students and families. First come, first serve
- End of year BBQ
 - Date: June 12
 - BBQ stove supplier: Johanna will be in charge

7.4. Talk from Jack Holland - Sarah

- SC will invite Ready to Learn consultants to the SC meeting for a presentation (Sarah will contact the department to arrange the presentation)

7.5. Busing

- Discussed in 6. administration report

8. Standing Business

8.1. French Second Language – Laura - Defer to next meeting

8.2. Committees

- a. Project Advisory Committee
 - Meeting was on November 23 (Thursday)
 - Presentation will be in the future to introduce the three locations at the Takhini site. PAC members cannot vote for the locations.
 - More information will be disclosed in mid-December.
 - Next meeting will be in January 2024.
 - Sarah will put a request to Chris and will discuss further in December meeting.
- b. School Growth Plan
- c. Transportation Committee - Alisha
 - a) Alisha is officially on the committee
 - b) The Committee will meet in February 2024.
 - c) Can the EWES activity busing issue be discussed with the Committee? Alisha will do it in the next Committee meeting.

9. Next Meeting - December 18, 2023

10. January meeting will be on January 31, 2024

11. Adjournment of Council Meeting at 8:23 pm