



Minutes

Stoneybrook Parent School Council

Wednesday

November 12, 2014

7:00 p.m – 8:30 p.m Library

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community Working Together



Stoneybrook Parent School Council Executive 2014-2015

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Outdoor Improvement Sub-Committee Chair
Julie Peters

Student Representatives
Charlotte & Shin

	Item
1.	Approval of October 8, 2014 Minutes
2.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPSC Representatives Cynthia advised we have the following school representatives for SPSC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lorraine Lewis – teacher ○ Charlotte O. – grade 8 student ○ Shin K. – grade 8 student • Scare Away Hunger Thank you to all families for participating in this year's campaign. Stoneybrook is once again the top school for contributions in the TVDSB. • Seasonal Show Our annual seasonal show will be held on December 17th. There will be an afternoon performance in addition to an evening show at 6:30. Families are requested to consider attending the afternoon show, if possible, to ensure adequate seating is available for families only able to attend the evening performance. Arrangements have been made for the delivery of chairs on loan from the Board. • SIP <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teachers continue to participate in lateral capacity building with neighbouring schools – Northridge, Jack Chambers, Stoney Creek and Masonville. 2. Mrs. Sheppard is a member of the math task force. 3. Work continues on the development of outdoor education for the FDK classes. 4. The school has applied to be a part of a trial for Pathways to Success. • School News <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students continue to be very busy and active with volleyball, Library Club, Safety Patrollers, Moo Crew and Healthy Schools. 2. The school had a very positive Remembrance Day ceremony with many families and members of our community in attendance. Students also participated in a Walk to Remember. 3. Basketball try outs will occur in December.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Social Justice Club will be launching an initiative each month (November is Adopt a Village) with both a local and international focus. 5. There will be a newcomers meeting run by a settlement worker on November 14 at 2:30pm for new-to Canada families attending our school. 6. The school will participate in Living the Pledge on November 17th at 10:00 am. This is a community-wide initiative to help end bullying. 7. The school received a \$2,000 grant to purchase new monitors for classrooms. 8. Monthly character trait assemblies continue. 9. The Shark Bite program (monthly draws) continue. 10. Progress reports will be going home on November 14th. Interview days will be November 20th and 21st. 11. Book Fair is the week of December 1st. 12. FDK Outdoor Learning Area – a landscape company has surveyed the area and worked with the FDK team to draft a plan. The estimated cost of this plan is \$46,000; however, the expense has been divided into several smaller projects. The school has applied for a grant to create an eco learning centre, to include planters. The fence will also be extended. <u>ACTION:</u> Jody to add as an agenda item for future consideration/discussion. 	
3.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPSC Vacancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher and Student Representative spots have been filled. 2. Project Shark Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Peters provided revised drawings of the playground with a proposal for spending the remaining \$4,500 of the budget allocated to this project. As the Board agreed to remove existing equipment, there are additional funds available. The placement of three real wood logs would cost \$4,500. • <u>ACTION:</u> Julie to obtain quote to install circle toad stools. • <u>ACTION:</u> SPSC members and families can provide additional suggestions to Julie. Refer to the company website (www.apeplayground.com) for ideas/options. • <u>ACTION:</u> Jody to add as a future agenda item. • Final design decisions need to be made by April 2015. • Notes: engineered wood fibre pellets will provide the ground cover and new pressure treated wood boards will be installed to define the play area. 3. Parent Involvement Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining funds will be used to pay for half of the cost of the new sign located outside the library. 4. Goals for 2014-2015 school year- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Survey Parents and Teachers to help identify priorities for the next 3-5 years</i> ✓ <i>Review and update SPSC By-laws, School Code of Conduct, and Dress Code</i> ✓ <i>Complete "Project Shark Play"</i> ✓ <i>Review the concept of "Balance Day"</i> ✓ <i>Organize annual fundraisers</i> 	

	<p>5. Survey for Parents and Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey will be developed next month. It will be electronic to be consistent with SPSC goal of being paperless. ACTION: Andrew Johnson to draft survey for review by SPSC. ACTION: Jody to add as a future agenda item. ACTION: Stickers be placed in communication books as a reminder to parents (January – February). ACTION: Cynthia to reference survey in an upcoming school newsletter. Highlight SPSC listens to families and that feedback drives programs and budget. 	
4.	<p>School Council Business</p> <p>1. Block Parent Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director of the London Black Parent Association, Maureen O’Halloran, presented information on the Walking School Bus and distributed brochures in support of this program. Maureen is hoping to identify parent champions within our school to expand this program. Several discussions with the Board and City have occurred and advocacy work continues to address safe routes to school to encourage walking. Allyson Watson discussed the recommendations of the Active and Safe Roads Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking signs have been installed on side streets (no parking at the corner of the road) Speed and car count was conducted at Hastings; however, there is insufficient traffic to warrant a stop sign The cross walk at Hastings Gate and Hastings Drive is not legal (it is deemed unsafe as it is at a curve in the road) There is a lengthy wait time (years) for speed humps to be installed Sidewalk drainage has been fixed ACTION: create a small working group to problem solve issue with paths leading to the school. Interested parents should contact Allyson. <p>2. Fundraising Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cake Day - Jane will run this fundraiser again this year. Cake day will occur on Friday, February 6th and a Friday in May (in support of grade 8 graduation). ACTION: Elizana Caranci and Tania Testa will run Cake Day in 2015-2016 and will shadow Jane this year. Hot Lunch - currently operating and will continue. Popcorn- consensus reached to continue this fundraising event. Hot lunch volunteers will do packing. QSP - initiative is done for this year. Total raised was \$4,000 but exact donation to school is unknown. Family Fun Night - Tammie Ashton and Allyson Watson will co-chair this year’s event. ACTION: date to be selected for next SPSC meeting. MacMillans - consensus to not proceed with this initiative. Bernardo’s Karate - suggestion for Bernardo Karate to come in and teach karate to 40 children at a cost of \$20 per child. Bernardo donates their time and uniforms. At the end of a two 	

	<p>week session (3 lunch hour lessons per week) the school would raise \$800 and each child would earn their first level belt.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Elizana to follow-up with Bernardo Karate to obtain additional details/information.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Cynthia to follow up with Board regarding the feasibility of this as event as a fundraising initiative.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Jody to add as a future agenda item.</p> <p>3. Stoneybrook PSC By-laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that relevant legislation be embedded into the By-laws document to prevent cross referencing numerous documents. • <u>ACTION:</u> Andrew will embed legislation into document. • <u>ACTION:</u> revised By-laws will be provided to council members prior to next meeting for review and feedback. Council can then move forward with approval at December meeting. • UPON MOTION (Tania/Eric) it was agreed to include communications representative to the Executive. • UPON MOTION (Ranulf/Eric) it was agreed council will now have 15 voting members. <p>4. SPSC school newsletter submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jody presented a draft to the council 	
5.	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranulf Glanville circulated and reviewed the current financial report. • Andrew and Ranulf are now authorized to sign checks. • Our Matching Fund contact at Scotia Bank, Grant, has retired. <p><u>ACTION:</u> Cynthia will follow up with his replacement regarding our school's long-standing relationship with Scotiabank.</p>	
6	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct and Dress Code Review • Balanced Day • Using SPSC funds for transportation to sporting events and school trips • Outdoor FDK space • Bernardo Karate fundraiser • Goals for 2014-2015 - Parent survey • SPSC By-laws • Project Shark Play 	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting – December 10, 2014</p>	