

KMPS Parent Teacher Council

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

Call to order

Anne called to order the regular meeting of the KMPS Education Committee at 5.00pm on September 7, 2013 at Kennedy Montessori.

Roll call

[Secretary Name]The following persons were present: Stephanie, Rob, Ardell, Daniel, Teresa, Anne, Usha, Connie, Winnie, Marigo and Paul.

New business

a) New Parent Volunteers,

Eva was welcomed. She is the parent of Ethan and Benjamin.

Anne will issue an open letter to all new parents to make them aware of the Parent Teacher Council and a general request for volunteers to participate in committee and subcommittee activities.

b) Fund Raising Committee

Several activities (painting, garden) were conducted over the summer and some parents used their own funds to cover expenses approved by the education committee. The following people require reimbursements: Rob, Daniel and Teresa. Ardell will write the expense reimbursement reports and then Paul will sign off. It was voted and unanimously decided that if Amy cannot co-sign the co-signer will be Ardell.

Anne mentioned that some funds had been borrowed from the Education committee and will be reimbursed this week.

Given the relatively low amount of funds it was voted and unanimously decided to keep the Education funds in a Cash in a box in the office for now. Opening a bank account will be revisited once funds increase.

c) Committee name

Rob tabled a motion for changing the committee name to better reflect the nature of the committee business. It was unanimously decided to rename the committee to Parent Teacher Council

d) Electronic Bulletin Board

It was proposed that KMPS should get an electronic bulletin board to display important information on upcoming school activities as well as pictures from activities and student presentations. Details were discussed and the most likely scenario is to install a flat screen on the wall in the main hallway next to the office window. Technical solutions and budget will be reviewed and presented by Rob at our next meeting. It was decided to keep the Budget around \$200.

e) Social Media

It was decided to look into how to co-ordinate all KMPS information and make it available on all KMPS's social media (Facebook, Twitter, Public and private (Owl Wise) website. It should be possible to automatically populate all sites while updating one. Stephanie will be responsible for these activities with input and support from Anne.

KMPS has two Facebook sites that need to be combined into only one.

f) Checkers and French Club

Following the great success in June, Daniel will lead the Chess/Checkers Club Thursday 5pm – 6pm, starting October 3rd. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and assist. As before one KMPS staff must be present.

French Club will eventually start as well, many topics were suggested. This will be at the same time as Checkers so the two clubs will alternate.

g) Perennial Swap and Planting

It was suggested and motioned to have a perennial plant swap in the fall. Parents can bring their perennials to KMPS and pick up other perennials. KMPS will also get to choose plants to plant in front and on the side of the building. Teresa Fung will be in charge of arranging the swap. Plant Drop Off and swap shall be on Friday Oct 4 any time while school planting will be on Oct 5 at 10 am with Rain Day alternative Oct 6.

h) Physical Education

Usha Singh reported that there are now several Physical Education activities in Elementary, and CASA has Physical Education twice a week. Different activities each month. This month is Yoga Month.

Some equipment has been procured but there is a long wish list. This list should be made available to KMPS parents so they can donate if they have things to share.

KMPS has applied for a York Region 'Materials' grant and will keep our committee up to date on the progress.

i) Dress Down Friday

The committee considered a verbal request for Dress Down (uniform free) Fridays. The Committee referred that proper procedure must be followed and will evaluate further if they receive a written request.

j) Social Activities and Fundraising

It was suggested to look at arranging a social activity for Parents to get to know each other outside of the KMPS evening activities. Committee members will think of activities for discussing this in more detail next meeting.

Ideas for fund raising activities were considered. Ideas ranged from looking at another plastic bag sales (this time with green bin or smaller bags, Golf Tournament, Catalogues, Bake Sale and Xmas Gifts. Paul has an action to compile and present for discussion in more detail at the next meeting

Adjournment

Next Meeting is to be held at 5-6pm on Oct 8.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 6.15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paul

Minutes approved by: Anne