TECUMSEH VISTA ACADEMY
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Regrets: Gloria Rey, Dubranka Zutic

In Attendance: Teri Zanganeh, Gary Wuerch, Dina Salinitri, Maria Theresa McCann, Heidi Hotz-Nourse, Carrie Stephens, Concetta Di Cesare, Samar Jasmin, Jennifer Lira, Graciella Stokes, Sean Moor, Jennifer Strong, Kara Gruevski, Alana Rourke-Beemer, Peter Spanis, Chrisann Lafontaine, Diana Fratarcangeli, Jody Burgon

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:40 PM

Members introduced themselves.

ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Elementary chair: Teri Zanganeh
- Secondary chair: Maria Theresa McCann
- Treasurer: Heidi Hotz-Nourse
- Secretary: Alana Rourke-Beemer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chrisann approved, Concetta seconded

FINANCIAL REPORT – Teri

- The parent reaching out grant on secondary side was not used and will have to be given back, still outstanding.
- Teri motioned to allocate the 2 x $500 bursaries for grade 12 today to be held for the graduation in June, Peter seconded.
- Heidi received invoice for the sound system.

ELEMENTARY REPORT - Gary

- From reorganization day: enrollment is up from Spring with 1,024 total students. This has meant 1 additional JK/SK French class was added and a grade 4 English. 5 elementary classes are using class rooms on the secondary side which has allowed the elimination of 5 portables.
- Meet the teacher is this Thursday, September 21st on the elementary side; 5-7pm, in a less formal setting than what has been done in the past for this initial meeting. This is a good time to discuss the newer communication tools like Edsby and homework expectations etc. and not concentrate on performance of the student which is too early to discuss that.
- November 16th is Parent Teacher Interviews for elementary parents.

SECONDARY REPORT – Dina

- We have retained 600 students
- There is a Grade 9 day this coming Thursday for periods 3 and 4
- New Grade 9 parent information night will be October 5th. Great opportunity to discuss strategies, relieve anxieties and discuss pathways etc.
- This Saturday at TVA 10am-3pm Ford Drive4Ur school event
- Sound system, ordered, parts are here; update: 1 part missing
- October 18th is Parent teacher interviews for secondary.

AVIVA FUND – Heidi & Gary

- Paving and outdoor classrooms were completed this summer.
- 3 Solar stations will be done soon
NEW BUSINESS

- For elementary pro grant we want to invite a guest speaker to address internet safety in March 2018.
- School Council 2017/2018 meetings;

6pm Executive in Guidance office
6:30pm in staff room

Monday, October 16, 2017
Monday, November 20, 2017
Monday, December 11, 2017-social
Monday, January 15, 2018
Monday, February 12, 2018
March, being skipped
Monday, April 16, 2018
Monday, May 14, 2018
Monday, June 11, 2018

- October 18, 2017: Cookie Dough orders due, November 16 delivery when it is also Parent/Teacher night for the elementary and family literacy.
- Edsby will continue to be pushed as the main form of communication but there will also be email, paper and calls etc.
- Gary want to have a fundraising plan by October 2017 with wish lists etc. and school vs. community and we will firm up “net proceeds” moving forward versus gross that has been done up until this point.
- We would like our School Council to have more presence on the school website.
- GECPIC, next meeting?, who will go?
- We want to order shirts and banner
- Would be nice to have a sign in front of the school as well as signs in the school with the vortex symbol
- We are getting quote for branding the blue aprons that we already have; Source for Sports etc.
- We want to get more details on Spirit wear
- Mrs. Muscedere requested $530 for the library program on secondary. We paid for this program last year as well. Teri motioned to grant the $530 to the secondary library and Samar seconded, no opposition.
- We are looking for student representatives
- We want to confirm community rep, police officer
- We want to confirm non-teaching rep; custodian
- Family tree; Teri has received final direction from Michelle that the boards sends the $ back to the school. $100 for elementary and $100 for secondary and these leaves will be going up tonight.
- We would like to set up at least the following sub-committees next meeting with chairs etc. Email will be sent out shortly.
  - Fundraising for Elementary
  - Fundraising for Secondary
  - Bursary
  - Bylaws
  - Social-twitter, fb etc.-
  - Grants
  - Aviva/Eco
  - Signage
  - Multicultural with Danielle’s book sale in early June?

ADJOURNMENT 7:55 pm. Maria motioned and Samar seconded

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 16, 2017 Executive at 6:00 pm and Council at 6:30 pm