

**ELLENGALE SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes**

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| Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 | Location: Ellengale School Library | | |
| Time: 6:00-7:30pm | | | |
| Present: | | | |
| Kristie Marinic | Laura Delves | Sian Baker | Ashraf Tafakor |
| Amy Campbell | Raman Nijjar | Noreen Javed | Nada Milojevic |
| Imrana Choudry | Nicola Geary | Thilakasiri Bandana | |
| Regrets: | | | |
| Sandy Kerr | | | |

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Items & Approvals |
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| 1. Welcome & Attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees welcomed and attendance noted. Contact information (names and e-mail addresses) of those attending was noted. | |
| 2. School Council Elections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/guardians of Ellengale students have been invited to self-nominate for a representative position on school Council. Laura Delves reviewed the mandate of the School Council, responsibilities, fundraising events and time commitment. Nomination forms received were reviewed as well as nominations for positions of Chair, Co-Chair (if needed), Secretary and Treasurer. The results of the election was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: Kristie Marinic Co-Chair: Nada Milojevic Treasurer: Nicola Geary Secretary: Raman Nijjar Parent Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noreen Javed Imrana Choudry School Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sian Baker Amy Campbell Laura Delves (Principal) | <p>➔ Members were reminded that School Council meets the 1st Wednesday of every month</p> |
| 3. Principal's Message | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Delves welcomed new and previous council members. <p>PDSB September Reorganization:</p> | <p>➔ All Ellengale parents are encouraged to raise the issue</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Delves discussed the reorganization that occurs at Peel schools in late September by the Peel District School Board. • This year the PDSB determined that they had to reduce kindergarten classes (overall), which resulted in a cascade of changes for several Peel schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council members discussed how Ellengale was impacted and noted that decisions are based only on a 'point in time' (1 day) which usually changes. ○ It was noted that Ellengale's enrollment projections were correct. ○ Parents raised concerned about the current number of students per class and potential safety issues of large classes ○ Currently Ellengale kindergarten classes are at 30-31 students per class. ○ Current caps are 29 (Kindergarten), 21 (Primary grades) and no cap for Junior grades <p>Upcoming School Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 4: Orange Shirt Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FMNI is being integrated into the K-12 curriculum ○ Teachers and students are 'co-learning' together • Oct 16/17: Fire Truck visiting Kindergarten students, and Kindergarten trip to Chudleighs • Oct 17: Cross Country event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 60 students from Ellengale have been invited to participate at the Cross Country event • Oct 25: Picture Day • Oct 31: Halloween – students can wear Halloween costumes (no weapons, masks or offensive costumes) | <p>of reorg in Peel schools and its negative impact with School Trustees/ Superintendents as part of an 'advocacy strategy' for next year</p> |
| <p>4. Budget</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$27,335 was raised by the School Council last school year (2017/18). This entire amount has been spent i.e. current starting balance for 2018/19 school year is \$0. • At November's School Council meeting, the Annual report will be reviewed which will summarize the budget, transactions and items purchased etc. | <p>➔ Chair will review the 2017/18 School Council Annual Report at the next meeting (November).</p> |

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| <p>5. Fundraising</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council discussed fundraising events held in the past and ideas for new fundraising events. • Council agreed to ‘Halloween Howl’ on Wednesday October 31 at a cost of \$2.00 per student. • Food fundraising ideas should meet the healthy food guidelines set by the PDSB. • There continues to be a significant number of notecards still remaining from a previous fundraising initiative. <p>Kidssentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristie brought forward a new lunch option idea for discussion. • The price point was of some concern to parents i.e. \$6/meal. • The potential of this as a fundraising option needs to be further explored. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ It was suggested that the Kidssentials idea could be trialed after further exploration of kick-back amount and any minimum requirements (Kristie to follow-up). ➔ Ellengale T-shirt flyer to be sent home (Amy and Sian to develop). ➔ All council members are asked to come to November’s meeting with ideas on how we could sell the remaining notecards. |
| <p>6. Next Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council agreed to continue meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th. |