

COMMUNITY SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES STREETSVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 27th

In Attendance: School Representatives (SR) and Parent Representatives (PR)

- Dolphin:** (PR) B. Ratana
(SR) P. Wilson, S. Freemantle
- Hazel:** (PR) G. Hunt R. DaSilva ,H. Amponsem, R. MacNeil, E. Hunt,
(SR) T. East, S. Ibrahim-Khan, M. Daley
- Streetsville:** (PR) L. Browne, T.Mian, M. Pedrosa- Hrenar,
(SR) T. Kamel
- Vista Heights:** (PR) V. Roed, Rashmi, D. Pao, J. Williams, E. Sese-Patel, J. Wang, S. Valarani
(SR) D. McFadden- Hillman, V. Lewis
- Willow Way:** (PR) C. Ha, M. Kay-Scott, E. Hunt
(SR) S. Ibrahim-Khan

1.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> meeting started at 6:40 pm attendees from all schools were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves
2.	Ice Breaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees were in mixed school grouping and participated in the activity "If I were to borrow your car, what would be playing on your sound system?"
3.	School Council sharing	<p><u>Willow Way</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> we want to find ways to bring the community in our school and have parents more involved Aussie x parents night coming up fund raising efforts - we are hoping to do a dance- a- thon reading coaches program brings parent volunteers in to read to students who need extra reading support we look forward to working towards a common goal for our pro grant <p><u>Vista Heights:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraisers : Monthly pizza days, sub days and Treat Days, Vista Vibrations is the main fundraiser and consists of a move-a-thon where a DJ is hired. Fundraising pays for student agendas, \$5.00 for every student to subsidize a field trip, school wide arts presentations like drama, drumming, storytellers, various resources to support curriculum e.g., musical instruments, gym equipment, iPads, dual language books, Kindergarten outdoor equipment, library books, French Language picture dictionaries. Education week volunteers put on a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- e.g., international foods, High Tea Pro Grant- various speakers who discuss parenting concerns e.g., Kate Jones series, last year pooled our Pro Grant money with Willow Way, Whitehorn and Hazel McCallion to bring in speaker, George Couros <p><u>Streetsville:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> brought in a child p[psychologist to speak to our parents about how to help their children deal with stress. applied for a Parent engagement grant to run two sessions on internet safety. importance for parents to be involved in School Council in high school as it is a great way to stay connected to the school and have a say in what is happening. <p><u>Hazel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising - QSP magazines, Farm Fresh Popcorn and Terra Cookie and Ice Dog sales. Monies going to the library, subsidizing performance and year book.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with some community schools, brought in George Coros for Parent Engagement Fund • PRO Grant- applied under subject heading of "transitions in middle" and was successful • Composition of Council - greater representation, with both English stream and French Immersion parents representative of all three grades. • Always trying to answer this question - bringing parents in and getting them involved, how do we do this, and it's a big challenge. • Reviewing and revamping by-laws, we don't know when they were last reviewed, and need to address that in truth, despite of the attendance at the first meeting, council members after being elected don't attend, and while we are consensus driven, it interfere with decision making if we don't have majority of council members in attendance. • Also been focused on bringing speakers for our PRO GRANT and an invite will be extended to the community of schools, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 30th - Helping Navigate your child's emotional roller coasters - Mental Health ○ May 18th, Pratical Guidelines for Success in School ○ We're looking at a Nutritionist as well.
4.	Upcoming Internet Safety presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamer shared the upcoming Internet Safety presentation for parents taking place on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm. All parents from FOS are encouraged and welcome to attend.
5.	Other Discussion/Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question regarding safety in our schools was addressed. • The school has procedures in place to promote safety both proactive and reactive including lockdown and fire safety procedures, buzzers for visitors to enter building during school hours, emergency evacuation sites and community officers to support schools and school safety to name a few
5.	Moving Forward: Use of Future PRO Grant – Meeting with Council Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Chairs brainstormed ideas as to what the PRO GRANT application topics should focus, The idea is that we'd all use a similar topic where we may pool resources and meet ProGrant guidelines in so doing. So that our topics fall somewhere on a spectrum under the same umbrella. • The group reached consensus that Mental Health Issues were the biggest concerns • for the benefit of giving those who've had no experience with PRO GRANT SUBMISSIONS, Each of the Councils who received a PRO GRANT this year, will be sharing a copy our 2015 submissions. It will give Council Members who have not done this in the past a template and starting point. • we want to entertain the possibility of opening up school for a Saturday to host whatever talks we bring in. Streetsville is agreeable to opening up on a Saturday - How would your school council feel about it? • School Councils should be having dialogue about these two ideas and how to incorporate in the PRO Grant 2016 submission. And there should be a draft form of what you'd like to submit should be ready before APR 7th • The group along with anyone helping to put the PROGRANT application together will be meeting again on THUR APR 7 @ 7:30 PM at Streetsville SS, The group will review each others submissions to ensure that we are on same page, and ensure that we than can share our resources. • From there each finalizes own submissions.
6.	Adjournment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council chairs to meet Thursday April 7 @ &:30 pm at Streetsville SS