

Erindale School Council

Minutes – May 10, 2016

Attending: Jan Rodman, Janine Calder, Donna Keller, Ching Lee, Raizia Quddus, Sandra Trupp

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Minutes from April 12, 2016 (HO)
3. Report from our Student Council
 - Elections held today, two co-presidents and vice president elected
 - Hard at work on Carnival next week
 - Supporting Prom
 - Grad Breakfast –synervice needs to state students need money for BBQ
4. Numeracy - The importance of the Math Processes

Mrs. Trupp shared a video from MathTips about the processes of Math. This is what Erindale teachers have been focussing on in their PD around math this year. This will continue to be the focus next year as teachers work to embed the math processes across the curriculum.

5. Principal's Report

Happenings

- ESS student art at Heritage Museum. Closes May 27th
- World Fair was fabulous – lots of countries represented and lots of students involved
- ESL Transition day – Homelands and Erin Mills ESL students attended. Our students did wonderful job hosting.
- Administrative Professionals Day and Teacher Appreciation Day celebrated
- Co-op Fair – great event, good interest. Students very proud of their work (as were the teachers)
- Two retirements – Art teacher and counsellor
- Band Concert – reports were the had a wonderful time. Organizers had high praise for our students. Ms. Jack very pleased.
- Mental Health Week coming up

Plant

- Working in tech wing to facilitate an electrical room for power upgrade and the solar panels
- We have been identified for curb appeal funding. Have a meeting scheduled for 20th with the committee about needs.
- Met with Facilities Manager to look at courtyard and front flower gardens.

Planning 2016 – 2017

- Celebrating year end – Prom, Athletic celebration, Grad breakfast, Commencement
- Heads Retreat – reflecting and planning for next year
- Developing 2016-2017 school calendar
- Preparing for incoming IB students – November will be our Authorization visit

6. Curb Appeal

- Mrs. Trupp shared maps of the school and we discussed ways of improving our curb appeal. Ideas included:
 - i. Wrought Iron fencing in front repaired
 - ii. Flower gardens re-done
 - iii. Park landscaping in front corner of property
 - iv. Shade trees included in plantings
 - v. Benches around property, with appropriate garbage cans
 - vi. Paving
 - vii. Improving field and track – very high on list
 - viii. Completing window replacements
 - ix. Improving courtyard
 - x. Steep driveways into parking lot continue to be an issue with students still pushing cars during winter weather

7. 2016 – 2017 Planning

- 50 Year Reunion – May 2017
- Topics for School Council next year include:
 - i. Pathways, grants and scholarships
 - ii. Student Supports
 - iii. Clubs and activities advertised (Mrs. Trupp shared idea of “Ice Cream” social in September that combines “Meet the Teacher”, a club fair and ice cream. Concern was raised about teacher attendance. Mrs. Trupp indicated she would work on it)
- It was decided to complete a ProGrant Application and bring in something like Screenagers in January. Mrs. Trupp indicated that Feeder Schools were also interested.
- Student Fees – continue at \$40. Student activity fees support a variety of purposes that support student activities and wellbeing. For example: Guest speakers/assemblies, athletics, student leadership, student events, Arts events, awards ceremonies, clubs, Student Activity Council, print credits

8. Upcoming Events

- May 12 Spring Concert
- May 13 PL Day
- May 17 SAC Carnival and Feeder School Visit
- May 19 New IB student/parent orientation
- May 20 Character Reception
- May 27 Prom
- June 2 Athletic Celebration
- June 3 Grad Breakfast
- June Getting ready for exams and EQAO
- Yearbook out
- June 29 Commencement

9. Other Business, Q and A

- Question about Prom. Location, who attends etc. Mrs. Trupp clarified and indicated that she would be meeting with students to emphasize this is a non-alcohol event and that students would be sent home if they appeared to be under the influence.
- Question about Volunteer Hours and if they were posted. Mrs. Trupp indicated the bulletin board by the Student Services Office
- Concern about MiWay changing bus routes, specifically #29 and 13. Mrs. Trupp will call MiWay to express concerns.

10. Next Year Meeting Dates and some topics set:

- October 11, 2016 - Organizing
- November 15, 2016 – Pathways, scholarships, grants
- January 17, 2017 – Screenagers showing
- February 21, 2017
- April 11, 2017
- May 16, 2017