

IRC Family Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Danielle Cameron (Co-Chair), Tara Doolan (Secretary), Emma Michielsen (Treasurer), Courtney Starr, and Laura Wilson.

Members Absent: Christine Gresham (Co-Chair), Fatma Toufexief, Acting Principal Amelia Dennis, Tyron Tyron Breytenbach, Jenna Niven

1. Land Acknowledgment - Danielle

2. Treasurer Report – Emma

- Bank account balance currently \$37,146.37
- We just received a cheque from Cookie Dough Fundraiser for \$1,052.
- Balance of just over \$19K after approved expenses.

3. Minutes - Tara

- Secretary reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. **MOTION** - to approve the minutes from meeting of February 7th, 024 (Moved by Laura, seconded by Danielle). **MOTION PASSED.**

4. School Wish List - Danielle

- Teachers have been advised that they can spend \$175 each, and they have up to April 12th to spend their classroom allocation.
 - There are some outstanding items from the School Wish List that still haven't been approved:
 - Some teacher requests (Ms. Vandermeer, Ms. Oseghale).
 - the Shed – approximately \$7000 for a 20 foot container, 3 bike hooks, 2 vents, doesn't include gravel pit. We would need need TDSB to put in a gravel pit.
 - Ms. Smith's requested items (which are for use by whole school).
 - Council discussed the additional items that were not yet approved. Council believes we need additional information before making a decision on the shed. As for the teacher requests, there is a total of approximately \$3400 for the additional items on the Wish List that teachers are requesting that we had not yet approved (because we didn't have sufficient details at last meeting).

- Council discussed Ms. Smith's additional requests. It was noted that these additional requests were the result of Council asking Ms. Smith if there were additional supplies she could use when Council was exploring the idea of purchasing more STEAM materials as a potential alternative to doing Scientist in the School. Council has now decided to do Scientist in the School. It was also noted that the first round of approved expenses included about \$1000 in requests for STEAM materials for Ms. Smith. Therefore, it was decided not to approve the additional items for this year.
- **MOTION to approve additional teacher requests on the Wish List (see Appendix A) totalling approximately \$3300.** No objections. **MOTION PASSED.**
- Council also discussed the question of whether we need to be putting aside money for the playground replacement/enhancement. With the various administrators coming through the school, we have not yet been able to get anyone to give us an answer on this. **ACTION ITEM** - Tara to ask questions on the playground of new principal and Erin Althazar.

5. Fundraisers for 23/24 school year – Danielle

- April 5th Movie Night - Danielle. There is a permit for April 5th. Movie Night – free admission – donations at the door. Doors open at 5 pm, and movie at 5:30.
 - Students will be given choices and then vote on the movie to watch
 - Pizza will be pre-ordered, but we will have a little extra on hand.
 - Popcorn - \$250 to buy a popcorn machine, \$400 to rent a popcorn machine. **ACTION ITEM** – Danielle to ask principal about whether we could store a popcorn machine if IRC Family Council purchases one?
 - Juice boxes, popcorn for sale.
 - Square readers? Emma ordered off the Square site. **ACTION ITEM** – Tara to order a square reader.
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Tara to do an announcement
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Danielle to do a Movie Night poster
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Danielle to ask people to donate snacks
- June 1st - Fun Fair - Laura
 - Updating Council website to ensure we can put Sponsor logos on and there is traffic and link to TDSB website.
 - We have \$7500 in sponsorship, looking for a little more – one more sponsor ideally.
 - Gift baskets, silent auction items are some of the next items to focus on.
 - Council discussed volunteers, they are trickling in slowly.
 - Solidifying the vendors is also one of the priorities.
 - Permit for Fun Fair will cost about \$250.
 - Posters – discussion about print vs. social.

6. Teacher Appreciation - Danielle

- Proposed Teacher Appreciation Event. Idea is to buy some scones and tea/coffee and have an event in the morning in April. To show appreciation for teachers, we would request anonymous quotes from kids talking about the teachers. Parent reps could potentially gather feedback from each class, some quotes from the kids. Remember to include Ms. Goulding and Ms. Smith, other teachers without a class rep. We could write the quotes on chart paper.
- Parent feedback would be welcome too.

7. Other business:

- Well wishes for Ms. Kim – no update.
- Pizza organizer for 2024/2025. We are in desperate need of a pizza organizer. Katie and Andy's kids are moving on. Mary Margaret is taking on duties that Andy is doing. Need to find someone to take over Katie's job.
- School name change process - needs a lead to initiate.
- Charlotte's garden update – no update.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

		<u>Approved Wish List Items (March 2024)</u>						
Grade	Teacher Requesting	Item/Description	Vendor	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Item Detail s		
Library	Ms. Smith	Library board games	Mastermind	\$ 200.00	200			
Library	Ms. Smith	Puzzles and trays Tori Smith	Mastermind/Indigo/Another Story	\$ 200.00	200			
Library	Ms. Smith	Activities from dollar store	Dollar Store	\$ 250.00	250			
Library	Ms. Smith	Consumables for Library Maker Space	Dollar Store or Board Warehouse	\$ 250.00	250			
Grade 1 & 2	Ms. Vandermeer	Reading Corner Materials		\$ 120.00	120			
Grade 1 & 2	Ms. Vandermeer	Floor Cushions/small carpet		\$ 250.00	250			
Grade 4 & 5	Ms. Kennedy/Ms. Lock	Individual White Boards for Students	Amazon.ca or wintergreen	\$ 100.00	53.1	Council will order	TRUE	
Grade 4 & 5	Ms. Kennedy/Ms. Lock	Gym balls	Wintergreen	\$ 250.00	250			
Grade 2 & 3	Ms. Oseghale	Noise cancelling headphones	Amazon.ca	\$ 650.00	51.96	Council will order	TRUE	
Grade 2	Ms. Oseghale	Student white boards	Amazon.ca	\$ 50.00	53.1	Council will order	TRUE	
Grade 5	Ms. Lock	Individual cushions for small group/partnership learning		\$ 250.00	250			
Grade 5	Ms. Lock	shorter basketball net in yard		\$ 400.00	400			
Grade 5	Ms. Lock	Sensory wall inside or outside		\$ 600.00	600			
		Subtotal		\$ 3,570.00	2,928.16			
		Tax		\$ 464.10	380.66			
		Total		\$ 4,034.10	3,308.82			

Appendix “A” – Approved Wish List Items