

**TPS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

**In Attendance:**

Yvonne Gilinsky, Chuck Magerman, David Rubin, Nancy Cohen, Iris Murphy, Tony De Donato, Esther Filer, Daveda Goldenberg, Joseph Hacoheh, Carolyn Novick, Michael Rodness, Marie Sirdevan; Andy Reiner, Joni Sternthal, Joan Harvey, Marilyn Braude and Deborah Rowe.

**Minutes of Council Meetings**

Chuck Magerman discussed that minutes from the last meeting are generally approved at the next meeting and shall continue this year.

**Election of Council Executive**

Yvonne Gilinsky conducted the nomination/election process.

Yvonne asked Chuck to explain the role of each executive. Then proceeded with the election process.

Chair: Chuck Magerman was the sole nominee and therefore was appointed Chair by acclamation.

Vice-Chair: David Rubin, Marie Sirdevan and Michael Rodness were nominated, David Rubin was elected.

Secretary: Carolyn Novick, Nancy Cohen were nominated, however Carolyn Novick declined to run, Nancy Cohen was appointed by acclamation.

Treasurer - Marie Sirdevan, Iris Murphy and Daveda Goldenberg were nominated, however Marie Sirdevan and Daveda Goldenberg declined and Iris Murphy was appointed by acclamation.

A list of the Council members will be posted on the bulletin board and website.

Chuck Magerman then chaired the balance of the meeting, with Nancy Cohen keeping the minutes.

**New Lap Top Computers**

Mr. Chin dropped by the meeting and displayed the new lap top computers that were purchased last year with some of the funds raised by Council.

**Chair Address:**

Chuck briefly described the role of Council and described the role of each officer. Marilyn Braude one of the directors of the Gallanough Library, was appointed as a community representative for this year.

Chuck thanked Carolyn Novick and Marie Sirdevan for their efforts in the past Council and for

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allowing new members to take on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

Chuck discussed some of the successful programs from last year such as Pizza Days, Magazine Sales, Kids Kitchen lunch program, Spring Fun Fair, Parent Education Sessions including: CPR/First Aid, and "Sex, Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Too", Friday Morning Get Togethers, this year's Family BBQ and Welcome Coffee.

Chuck mentioned the recent pot luck lunch for the Teachers when they were working in the school all weekend for the Tribes training.

Chuck also mentioned how last year we had developed the Council Plan for Continuous Improvement, the Principal's Profile, and the Council Annual Report which was submitted to the Board.

Chuck indicated that one of our requirements at this first meeting was to set the dates for all Council meetings for the year. The following dates are tentatively confirmed:

Monday, October 24, 2005<sup>1</sup>  
Monday, November 21, 2005  
Monday, January 16, 2005  
Monday, February 20, 2005  
Monday, April 3, 2005  
Monday, May 8, 2005  
Monday, June 5, 2005 (if required)

Chuck described the various committees that existed last year and their main roles. The following committees were then created: Education, Budget, Fundraising, Communications, Safety and Constitution.

Sign-up sheets were circulated. Chuck reminded elected Council members that they were each required to join at least one committee.

Chuck then reminded Council that all meetings must be open to the public, including committee meetings and that notice of all such meetings should be provided, by posting a notice on the bulletin board and on the website.

Chuck then asked Marie Sirdevan to provide a brief Treasurer's report, as the Board policy requires that the Treasurer provide a report at each Council meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marie Sirdevan, the past Treasurer, reported that as of the end of August 2005, the funds to start the 2005/2006 year were \$7,331.06.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: These are "preliminary" dates - the October 24th meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

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Marie reported that the Pizza days typically brings in the greatest revenues (approx. \$11,000 to \$12,000 last year).

Marie reminded us that \$2,500 from last year was set aside for future playground repair.

Chuck continued with his comments:

Magazine subscription campaign was still on for a few more days.

Thursday, September 29, 2005 at Starbucks all drinks are free, but customers will be encouraged to make donations to support literacy at TPS.

### Principal's Report

Yvonne Gilinsky reported the following:

1. Good start to the school year with well planned staff;
2. Books of forms - more organization;
3. School plan for continuous improvement - literacy. Literacy block without interruptions. Additional support from one of the board consultants. Training for staff;
4. Effective schools - respectful, safe, and inviting school. Creating a culture of caring Tribes training (staff) and character matters;
5. Parent and community involvement - working to get our community involved through morning coffees, school assemblies, opportunities to dialogue. Communicate through the agenda and email;
6. This week is safety week. We have the fire department coming for the primary students and we have a doctor coming to speak on The Science of Addiction for Grade 8's. There will be a Code Red drill tomorrow;
7. Role of caretaker has been workshops with students;
8. Safety Audit - need to have school council reps which is now required by the Ministry of Education;
9. Respectful workplace and learning environment - board-wide initiative. Hand out given to Council members;
10. Book fair night at Indigo bookstore - November 16, 2005. Also planning an international food fair in December to celebrate our community;
11. Playground issues and repairs going on;
12. Quest conference - focus on parents and community Joyce Epstein - November 16-18;
13. Tribes training;
14. EQAO results - improvement with inform instruction. These are only preliminary results and don't have the individual student results yet. Mrs. Gilinsky is very proud of the improvement;
15. Continue with math contest focus and will add Grade 4 and 5 to the year 7 and 8 - Math League and Gauss;
16. 4,5, 6 - Math league in class; and
17. Math class - 4, 5, 6 - Byron Germain, Fibonacci and Pythagoras.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting October 25, 2005 at 7pm in the library.