

School Council - Tues, Sep 12, 2017 - 6:30 pm

Attendees - Kelly Hodgeson- Co Chair, Krista Godinho, Paul Tribe, Mikaela Clark, Lindsay Willmot, Jenn Deter, Amanda Knight, Rinku Garg, Caroline Derderian, Kelly Hughes, Jody Arens, Alison, Alison Kwarta, Meghan DiMatteo, Kristina Holmes, Carol Luckhardt, Mia Moldenhauer, Kiran Jhetta, Janet Panchuk, Tracey Robbins, Mark Reed, Sara Bailey, Carolyn Vandenheuvel, Becky Rendall, Lisa Bratina
Absent - Minu Basi - Chair, Kathy Holford, Lisa Joy

Chair welcome and around the table introductions, brief review of council roles handout to take home for consideration, elections to be done at October 10th (next) meeting.

Welcome BBQ, Meet the Teacher, Book Fair night: forms went home this week, bbq meal order forms meals also went out, meals for purchase will include 1 hotdog/hamburger, 1 bag chips, 1 bottle water, basket raffle info - each class to donate specific items for each "class basket" - Liz Hastings, Mikaela Clark, Kathy Holford to help organize - bins in front hall will be available for drop off, bake sale - Lindsay, Kristina will organize and look for volunteers to help run night of Kindy Parent Meet and Greet - Sara Bailey - outside obviously weather dependent - if raining possibly use some space in one of the pods areas.

Freezies - 490 purchased selling for \$1.00 - Becky to organize

Jody to ask Lays for donated chips

Water - Krista has confirmed with Nestle for donation....500 bottles was agreed a good # of bottles to request.

Extra \$ Donations over \$20 can be made to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation if tax receipts are required. Cash is accepted but a paper trail is mandatory for tracking purposes - Lisa Bratina has good information to help with this...chqs are easiest if needing tax receipt

Plates and Napkins - Paul Tribe to confirm if Optimists are providing

Collection of meal ticket \$ and ticket prep Alison, Caroline, Tracey and Kelly will help with collections on Friday Sept 22 - Krista volunteered to help with collections on Monday Sept 25

4:30 - 5:15 and 6:15 - 7 Meet the Teacher (this allows for teachers to walk around or grab a bite to eat)

4:30 - 7:00 pm BBQ will be open

Cash Floats - Treasurer - to provide or bake sale, freezies, raffle - if organizers are providing their own floats they should be witnessed by 2nd party.

ACE the Alligator - Krista will help organize this for the year

Paul Tribe - Principal's Report

Push Messenger is a new technology which will help with communications if you have the google app...check newsletter for link, Mrs Gray - School wide musical Willie Wonka to run in the spring needing \$500 for sets, supplies, etc - ticket sales for performances will supplement music programming replacement brass instruments, ukuleles, etc, Music program Music Play is an online program and cost is \$150 per grade for the program...this is significantly more cost effective because all materials are up to date and current and avoids the massive cost of paper-back books and materials that become obsolete quickly....Mrs Gray has volunteered to attend October meeting to make a full presentation

This school year we currently have 235 families, 375 students.

School Greening - lots of initiatives over the past couple years...Evergreen Group coming in to review our progress and updates...awaiting confirmation on date for a rep to attend school...Mr Tribe will report back.

New this year - YMCA after school program - very flexible, seems to be going well and has a small number of students in several age groups.

Looking at introducing "Responsive" classroom - this initiative will address different needs of every student and how they learn best ie: soft chairs, floor, standing, etc.

Capacity Days - critical creative thinking teaching, students learn to problem solve and develop better critical thinking patterns

New Coat Racks added outside room 19

Found \$14000 to spend through the Upper Grand's learning foundation as well as hold back funds from Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) - huge benefit to our school this year. Funds waiting to be used - \$1888 from readathon 3 years ago, small amount from greening initiatives.

School reorganization - kindergarten class of 39 has received approval to create a 3rd kindy class resulting in 3 classes of 22, 3 ECEs have also been approved so we will have one per class. Primary classes were all over cap so we will have a reorg in ALL primary classes ie: addition of a 3/4, loss of 4/5...supply teachers coming in as of Sept 13 to help until classes are finalized and the reorganization is complete....Paul will be in communication with families who's children will be moved to new classes.

Mia Moldenhauer - Teacher's Report

3D printer - volunteer from grade 9 to help train.

Reading Program Coordinator -Tracey Robbins - Tutoring for reading for students needing some extra focus has been a huge success over the past couple of years....1 hour a week commitment....volunteers can be on call as a fill in if they are unable to make the full commitment, extremely flexible, always looking for a few more volunteers to help out...Starts Sept 18.

Learning Commons (New Library) - innovative learning space/safe space during recess - council's funds assisted the purchase of - new mobile tables that students from every grade can move around and set up how they please, 65 inch screen TV, 30 chrome books which are used to project and share work on the large screen, iPads for younger grade, mobile shelves to move around, 3d goggles, makerspace, cubelits, etc.... movie book/green screen projects have been fun and well received, looking to get involved with some webinars joining students from across Canada with a mathematician from Queens University, possibly some virtual field trips, looking to purchase some stools at approx \$186 each, needing more diversity in reading selections, a few more iPads at \$300 each, a few more mobile chairs approx \$400 each, etc.

Mia was asked to provide a list of consumables required for makerspace area for possible donations from families.

Treasurer - Kristina - Milk funds have an extra \$2300 which will be verified with Lisa Joy to be sure this is not an error....did not receipt any grade 8 grad receipts....anything lingering please

get receipts in to get things cleaned up to move forward for new school year.....\$3000 in the bank currently to start year.

Open Discussion:

Organic Milk Program - Meghan will revisit at a later date, efforts within school and community has been well received but just not enough interest to make it worthwhile at this time.

Pizza days are coming - organized by Teacher Liz Singh

Lunch Programming - will be coming

Apple Program - Lisa Bratina - apples available for students who are hungry.

Greening - Jenn Deter

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Caroline Derderian/Tracey Robbins

Fresh From the Farm - voted to run with program for this year...Janet Panchuk will head - lots of volunteers to help Carol, Rinku, Sara, etc

Caroline Derderian has started to create a Jobs/Events Folder for new members coming on council as many members are in their last year or two of their at the school.

Halloween Dance/Fundraising Event - Oct 26 (Evening) - concern that it not conflict with inter halloween dance as an earner privilege as an intermediate student - suggested it turn into a family fun night with movie, pumpkin carving, etc - will address at a later date/next meeting

School Cash online - 85% enrolment - Kristina to follow up with Janet Warden to see if we can get more of the fundraising initiatives online for payment to reduce the cash coming thru the teachers and classrooms

2017 Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Colour Day - Sep 22

Book Fair - Sep 25-29

Terry Fox Run/Walk, Rock Your Socks for Terry, Welcome BBQ - Sep 28

PA Days - Fri Sep 29, Oct 26, Nov 24

Vaccinations - Grade 7 - Oct 4

Thanksgiving Holiday - Oct 9

EcoArt - Grade 4 - Oct 12

Next council meeting - Tues Oct 10 - 6:30 pm in the learning commons...council meetings are typically 2nd Tuesday of the month unless otherwise notified...Thank you to all members for attending. Was great to have such an amazing turn out.

Adjournment 8:05 pm