James McQueen- School Council Meeting, November 7th, 2017

Minutes

Welcome- Ashleigh welcomed all in attendance- introduced Dave Ogilvie

Dave Ogilvie-thanks parent volunteers

* The school has 2 Scholastic Book fairs during the school year, money raised from book fairs to buy books for both the French and English programs
* First book fair coming up next week, running from November 8-17, November 17th is open for parents to attend- volunteers are welcome and would be appreciated
* Book fair open during outside break times
* Inventory of all books in library underway using scanner
* Book bags purchased for kindergarten students to protect books
* If you would like to volunteer, come to the library to see Mr. Ogilvie and he will schedule a time for you to come in
* Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered to help in the library to this point in the year

Principal Report- Andrew shared the following items:

* Drawing club, coding club, kindergarten and grades 1-3 choirs have all begun
* Mad science and Pottery to go is also well underway
* We are preparing for the Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday
* Big Crunch Day was held on October 26th to celebrate and promote healthy eating
* Our second sandbox has been completed and is a big hit with our students
* Progress reports for all students have been submitted to the office for review and will go home on November 16
* Our Grade 1-3 holiday concert will be held on December 14th from 6:30-7:30, more information to follow (kindergarten classes will hold performances in the Spring)
* The Board is working on allowing the UGDSB app to have push notifications
* If parents have questions or concerns, they should call Mr. Creighton at the school or the classroom teacher

Halloween Dance- Ashleigh thanks everyone for their support, a huge success

Treasurer Update- raised over $1200 at Halloween dance

Still about $300 short to help fund end of year trips

Dance-a-thon and Bunny Breakfast are our 2 remaining fundraisers

Grant Discussions- any parents that would like to support us in looking for grants would be appreciated, please contact the school

* Cheri and Jen will look into what is available and take the lead on this; they will report their progress at the next meeting

Spirit Wear- discussion around when to have spirit wear available and the best format to present the spirit wear for parents and children to check sizes

* Andrea offered to look into prices and sizes before our next meeting

Other Business-

* The school website is the main place for information to be shared; Andrew and council will look into having a school Facebook link added to the school website