

## **1. Welcome & Introductions**

In attendance: Patricia Tolton, Heather Davis, Amy Rutgers-Kelly, Sarah Burns, Suqin Shao, Laura Moisan, Karen Gorrie, Liz Oakes, Heidi Wright, Ainsley Thomson, Sam Hoekstra, Carolyn Yule, Jacqui O'Carroll

Regrets: Kim Robinson, Jean Downs

## **2. Review of Minutes from Oct 16, 2017**

## **3. Review of agenda for additions/deletions**

### **4. Principal's report** (Heather Davis)

-Mr. Martin (grade3/4) resigned from the profession. His class will have a supply teacher for 1 week before the new permanent teacher (Mrs. Anna de Jong) takes over. She has been working for 5 years as contract teacher. She has a strong background with this age-group and lives 5 minutes from Jean Little. She comes with amazing references and has been coming to the school in the evenings to set up new class room for her first day of class on November 13.

-Before we move ahead with painting lines on the hardtop as part of efforts to improve the outside play opportunities for students, Heather wants to inquire with the Board about timelines for replacing the hardtop. There is no point painting lines if the hardtop is going to be ripped up within a year.

-There is a greening committee meeting this Wednesday (November 8) at JD Hogarth School in Fergus. Members of the JL school community must attend if we want to undertake any 'greening' projects this year.

-Progress reports go home next week (on Nov 16). The school will do online booking for parent conferences this year. Some ESL families struggle with the online registration, but they can call the school for help.

-Teachers and students are talking about inclusion and respect this month. An anti-bullying campaign will start up soon. The junior intermediates attended a talk by Ron Bachman, who is a paraplegic from Detroit. The students found his talk very engaging.

-The Remembrance Day assembly is this Friday (time TBA). Parents are invited to attend.

## **5. Review of financial account** (Liz Oakes)

-PIC funds from last year have been allocated as follows:

- \$500 to grade 8 graduation
- \$500 Phys Ed
- \$1500 music repairs
- \$500 movie night
- \$4700 – to allocate as we see fit

## **6. Fundscrip update** (Karen Gorrie)

-The Fundscrip order form was translated into several languages and sent home to families, is posted on the school website, and was included in a recent robocall to families. The due date for the order forms is Nov 20. To encourage families to participate in the fundraiser, there will be a draw for prizes: anyone

who returns an order form will have their name entered into a draw. The prize for the junior students (JK-grade 2s) is a Mastermind gift basket and the 'senior' prize (grades 3+) is an iTunes card. These items will be displayed in the school to encourage participation in the fundraiser. Posters will also be created to post in the school and there will be a booth at the upcoming movie night (Nov 17) advertising Fundscrip. The order forms will be collected by Karen and Jean as they come in.

**-ACTION – Heather:** will include a message about the Fundscrip draw in the morning announcements.

#### 7. **Dance-a-thon** (Patricia Tolton)

-Discussion focused on the possibility of having a dance-a-thon to raise money in February. Information was presented about the success of dance-a-thons at other schools (e.g., Breslau PS raised \$8000 one year / St. Michael's uses *Professor Jamz* / Rickson / FA Hamilton). We discussed having a themed dance where students dress up. Some other logistics to consider: (1) break students into primary, junior and intermediate so each group has a designated time to dance, (2) the dj could play games with kids. We could consider approaching Eric Dookie to see if he would be willing to DJ a dance (he has DJ'd the family fun night for several years). Another possibility is to have students from college heights DJ.

#### 8. **Fresh from the farm update** (Ainsley Thomson)

-The Fresh from the Farm profit was \$406. The delivery of the produce is scheduled for Nov 9 from 8-10am (this means we do not need volunteers from 3-6pm to distribute food to families). Because a lot of order came from kindergarten and primary students, grade 8 students will sort the food which they will then deliver to the classes. This will make it easy when parents come to pick up children. Sam will send out an email, make a robocall, and post information on the website so parents know about food pick up.

-Ainsley is still waiting to hear more about spring fundraiser.

#### 9. **Movie night** (Jacqui O'Carroll)

-The first movie night of the school year is next week (Nov 17).

-Thinking about *The Nut Job 2*

-No charge to attend

-Charge for food – popcorn (\$1), drinks (.50), cookies (\$1)

-Posters/advertising

-Action item: where are the raffle tix?

-Need 2 volunteers for cash, 2 at popcorn machine, 1 parent at front door to remind that parents must accompany

-Liz will buy juice boxes

-Jacqui will order cookies

-Patti will make posters

-Previous volunteers: Jean, Laura, Karen, Isla, Kim & Gary, and others...

#### 10. **Family Fun Night** (Carolyn Yule)

-Planning for this year's FFN is in its initial stages. Sarah Burns and I are considering different food options. We also want to make the games a bigger component of this year's FFN. Different game options were suggested (dry curling, sponges in face, games used in previous years (currently housed in Heidi Wright's house), etc). It was also suggested that we include the grade 8 students to help with the

games. The emergency vehicles seemed to be a hit last year and we should invite them to come again this year.

-Planning for June 7, 2018

**11. Montana's night** (Patricia Tolton)

-Montana's (on Stone Rd) will host a Jean Little (fundraiser) night. Essentially, we invite the Jean Little community to eat dinner at Montana's on a designated Tuesday and a percentage of the profit is given to PIC. A Montana's night at the end of January or early March was suggested.

**-ACTION:** Patti will follow up with Carla at Montana's to get more information about possible dates.

**12. Swag Swap (spirit wear) update** (Samantha Hoekstra)

-Jean Little will have a swag swap before the winter holidays. Anyone who can donate used clothing can drop it off at the office.

**13. Other business**

-Ainsley – need to find posters letting parents know they can buy books for library in lieu of teacher gifts – make posters before the book fair on Nov 20 and post outside the library.

-Subway food orders – Subway orders are increasing week by week. School will keep this as an option for families as it has been well-received. There might be a hot meal option (e.g., Swiss Chalet) added as the weather gets colder.

Suggestions for December agenda: \*\*NB: this meeting will be held on December 4\*\*

-dance a thon update

-montana's night update

-fundscript updates

-movie night update and setting date for movie night #2

-update on wellness fair (Emma Raye)