

## John McCrae Public School – Parent Council Meeting Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees:

Jessica Sherin, Brendan Delehanty, Jeff Bennett, Khaledod Khalfan, Margaret (Zubi) Dryden, Sarah Thomas, Deanna Kruger, Julie Gomes, Rebecca Bigelow, Tammy Yakabuskie, Rolie Srivastava, Chorlene Rumble, Brenda MacDonald, Olivier Cutz, Leslie Newman.

Item	Speaker	Action
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	Leslie Newman	none
<b>Review of minutes</b>	Jessica Sherin	none
<b>Principal/Vice Principal's Report</b>		
Number Talks – tabled for next meeting	Leslie	Number Talks update for next meeting – Mar 20
Flu Information – recap of Flu Information sent to parents	Leslie	none
Smartphone use - Listened to PodCast around device use – screen time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sleep issues; less in-person social interaction</li> <li>- Screen time correlated to unhappiness</li> <li>- Recommended screen time limit – 2 hours per day; moderation is important</li> <li>- What are kids not doing when time is spent on smartphone</li> <li>- Parents could use concrete tools required for Parent Reaching Out night – consider outlining school policy</li> </ul>	Olivier	Identify tools for monitoring /moderating device use that parents can use – include with Parent Reaching Out event
Encouragement for families to complete Climate Survey – information already distributed to families	Leslie	Complete survey
<b>Co Chair's Report</b>	Jessica /Rebecca	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wreath/Poinsettias sales: \$2100 profit -- \$950 of profit going toward grade 7/8 school trip</li> <li>• Fresh From Farm – pilot program Spring Edition – 40% of sale goes back to students – works with healthy school initiative – possibly needs a Coordinator – enroll by March 30th, order by April 16, orders delivered in May – involvement limited to grades 7-8 as whole school is difficult to manage effectively</li> </ul>		None  None

<p><b>Caitlin Beaton – support for a play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorax performance/play @ John McCrae in late May/early June</li> <li>• 55 students in play; 15 working backstage</li> <li>• Rehearsals started the week of Feb 12</li> <li>• Request to parent council: financial contribution toward production to help with set construction materials, sound equipment rental and costumes – asked for \$500</li> <li>• Parent Council members excited about the event and believes funding request to be too low – Council offering up to \$1000 for Lorax performance</li> <li>• Motion presented by Khaleod for council to offer up to \$1000; motion seconded by Tammy</li> </ul>	<p>Leslie – Caitlin absent</p>	<p>Parent Council to inform Catlin that up to \$1000 will be given in funding</p>
<p><b>Family Fun Night</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date change due to election – now Tuesday night, June 5 2018</li> <li>• No Flash Mob – need new idea</li> <li>• Tammy Yakabuskie volunteered to Co-chair Family Fun Night with Brendan MacDonald</li> <li>• Brenda is retiring from organizing Family Fun Night after this year – there is a guide (binder) to help coordinate future Family Fun Nights</li> <li>• Have Parent/Teacher interviews available for sign up</li> <li>• Need 4 people planners to help coordinate</li> <li>• Need additional volunteers for other specific tasks (baskets, silent auction, kid zone); some individuals have already agreed to help, others are in process of agreeing</li> </ul>	<p>Brenda</p>	<p>need more focused outreach for volunteers (ongoing issue)</p> <p>need 4 additional planners for coordination</p> <p>need volunteers for other tasks</p>
<p><b>Parents Reaching Out Night update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 10th from 6:30PM to 8:00PM</li> <li>• Topic: Smartphone addiction – social media use</li> <li>• No speaker confirmed yet; Sarah Thomas has a contact from Homewood (Michelle) that focuses on addiction/gambling</li> <li>• What would be helpful from parent council group to help focus Speaker Night? Ideas are welcome!</li> <li>• Ideas for parents to implement smartphone use guidelines</li> <li>• Parents only event – no kids due to possible sensitive/disturbing subject matter</li> </ul>	<p>Sarah</p>	<p>Confirm speaker(s)</p> <p>Confirm topics of discussion</p>
<p><b>Movie Night update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profit from Movie Night was \$1123.93</li> <li>• Money raised earmarked for new playground</li> <li>• Movie night attendance best yet – Paddington was a great movie choice</li> <li>• Movie night relatively easy to coordinate; clean up was very fast</li> <li>• Big thanks to all volunteers – feedback from parents was very positive</li> </ul>	<p>Deanna / Jeff</p>	<p>none</p>

<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artimage looking for new coordinator as Deanna Kruger is unable to coordinate next year; Artimage consider going digital – investing in digital copies would be something to consider next year</li> <li>• There are a couple of volunteers potentially will take over coordination</li> <li>• Kindergarten Night May 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Student Volunteer Thank You Movie – need to set date in June (event is during the school day)</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation Lunch – scheduled for Friday June 8th (PA Day) – Coordinator: Rebecca Bigelow; Deanna Kruger and Jessica Sherin can help</li> </ul>		<p>Confirm volunteers to take over coordination of Artimage</p> <p>Set date for movie</p> <p>Jessica/Deanne help Rebecca coordinate lunch</p>
<p><b>Other items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Later date in March suggested for next Parent Council Meeting; suggested date: March 20<sup>th</sup> – everyone agreed holding next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Kindergarten Playground Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3-year plan; currently in year 2</li> <li>- Consider using some money from Learning Fund to assist</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rolie Srivastava: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traveled to Malawi for sabbatical -- made connection with principal of local school; council donated \$250 to school and the school received it recently</li> <li>- School very appreciative – that much money very transformative</li> <li>- Students (at John McCrae) were informed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Jessica/Leslie</p>	<p>Schedule next meeting for Mar 20</p>