

## John McCrae Public School – Parent Council Meeting Mar 20th, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees:

Jessica Sherin, Meagan Troop, Jeff Bennett, Margaret (Zubi) Dryden, Sarah Thomas, Deanna Kruger, Julie Gomes, Rebecca Bigelow, Tammy Yakabuskie, Rolie Srivastava, Allison Pinches, Maya Hammer, Emilia McCormack, Lisa Maggilo-Laughlin

Item	Speaker	Action
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	Leslie Newman	none
<b>Review of minutes</b> – Leslie posted minutes :) Motion to accept minutes - Jessica Sherin seconded minutes – minutes accepted	Jessica Sherin	none
<b>Principal/Vice Principal’s Report</b>	Leslie /Olivier	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down syndrome acknowledgement; March 21<sup>st</sup> – wearing mismatching socks</li> <li>• Earth hour on March 23<sup>rd</sup> – turning off lights for 1 hours</li> <li>• Character Ed assembly this month is about Truth</li> <li>• Indigenous Elder spoke to almost every classroom; spoke about sweet water and how to respect what the tree is giving us; students very engaged, great speaker – gifted a feather</li> <li>• Maple Syrup Festival, Saturday March 24– anticipated attendance – 1000; students making pancakes for breakfast; Beth McEwen and Wallis teachers responsible for coordination – 10AM to 1PM</li> <li>• April 26 is Parent Involvement Event Annie Kidder and Jackie Strachan from People for Education at Centre Wellington District High School in Fergus-- 5:30 to 8:00PM; Rolie interested in attending</li> <li>• Ministry of Education – board improvement plan required each year; John McCrae has school improvement plan – teachers/staff developed plan – handout provided                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan posted in every classroom with their name; teacher highlights goals for different time periods; opportunity to add their own goals/modify goals; there is some accountability; assess based on school effectiveness framework indicators; goal to make it something useful to improve practice, not just a task</li> <li>• Lisa did not find process daunting; good process</li> <li>• How do you ensure gaps are covered across different classrooms/grades?</li> <li>• Collaborative inquiry teams – 8 different teams; topics determined by teachers; focus on student engagement; learning needs, performance measures related to topic</li> <li>• Teachers continuing to learn and improve community at John McCrae</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Need 3 parents to attend Parent Involvement Event; Leslie or Olivier will go --- names to be sent to Jessica Sherin

<p><b>Co Chair's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double check that people are receiving board emails; send request to Rebecca</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Family Fun Night</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tara managing silent auction; responsible for prizes; willing to coordinate but would like some help --- Margaret willing to help</li> </ul>		<p>Rebecca to connect Tara and Margaret through email</p>
<p><b>Parents Reaching Out Night update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcel O’Gorman speaking: “Technology and Its Impact on Youth: A Discussion on Digital Addiction and How to Start Unplugging”</li> <li>• EventBright registration online on school website</li> <li>• 40 people signed up so far; social media sharing would be beneficial to help increase registration</li> <li>• Can use gym if number of registration exceeds library</li> <li>• Flyer is ready; going home this week</li> <li>• 75 resistor cases - \$10 each; should have money leftover for photocopying, some refreshments; gift for speaker</li> <li>• Speaker happy to start having conversations with parents</li> <li>• What kind of style – workshop versus lecture? Not enough tables for workshop style; keep it lecture style with room for Q&amp;A</li> <li>• If people are interested in helping on the night, email Sarah Thomas</li> <li>• Discussion about technology use for younger kids, at home, at school, media literacy, safe searches, safe sources of information -- - boundaries at school compared to boundaries – Beth very good at directing students how best to conduct research on internet</li> <li>• Parents with questions about specific technology use should direct them to Leslie and Olivier</li> <li>• Timely topic – lots of interest</li> </ul>		<p>Individuals interested in volunteering for event are to email Sarah Thomas directly</p>
<p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send Lesile questions/topics for teachers to address about technology use</li> <li>• Catlin very grateful for performance funds; up to \$1000 for expenses; no date set yet – possibly late May/early June</li> <li>• Fresh from the Farm – intermediate students; Rebecca coordinate</li> <li>• No meeting next month; watch email for Family Fun Night and other events</li> <li>• Next Meeting: May 2018</li> <li>• Due date for next application for Parents Reaching Out Topics – June 5th</li> </ul>		<p>Set next meeting date for May 2018</p> <p>Submit application for Parent Reaching Out Topics by June 5th</p>