

John McCrae Public School – Parent Council Meeting May 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jessica Sherin, Jeff Bennett, Maya Hammer, Sarah Katsaounis, Margaret Dryden, Tammy Yakabuskie, Khaledod Khalfan, Dave

Item	Speaker	Action
Land Acknowledgement	Leslie Newman	none
Review of minutes •	Jessica Sherin	none
Principal/Vice Principal's Report	Leslie /Olivier	
<p>Open House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday Night – 5PM to 7PM – all classrooms open <p>Night Among the Stars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday Night May 10th– 6:15PM – Grade 3 (Spark,) <p>Jump Rope for Heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday May 11th <p>Lorax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 23rd – 6:00PM; donations welcome <p>Intermediate Trips \$\$</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 in Quebec June 18th – Parent Council to consider donating up to \$1000; helps every child goes; some with financial support – Margaret motioned to give donation for Grade 8 trip; Tara seconds motion Grade 6 trip – June 19th Grad Dance Committee – Parent Council to consider donating \$500 – Mia motioned to donate funds to Dance Committee; Jessica seconds motion Leslie serving ice cream on Monday May 14th; 5PM to 8PM 		
Co Chair's Report • no meeting last month	Jessica	
Student Volunteer Movie • Wednesday June 6- middle block • Show our gratitude to the 250-300 students who help out in the school – bus monitors, library helpers, lunch helpers, etc • Last year movie format was successful and so we are going to do the same thing • We will need help making the popcorn on June 5 th , and then prepare the bags in the morning • Helpful to have some parent volunteers for the movie – 9:00AM arrival to help prepare; supervision for movie watching	Olivier	

<p>Teacher Appreciation Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day – Friday June 8th – mid-morning, 10:45AM; parents volunteer food for event; need organizer – Rebecca organized it before; send letter home for volunteers – help out at 10:00AM to set-up and then clean afterward • Mia offered to help volunteer for setup 		
<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no financial update this meeting; will have updated financials for next meeting 		
<p>Dress Code Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John McCrae is going to re-evaluate school dress code • Concern that current dress code is gender specific; focus on body shaming • New dress code will focus on students’ comfort • Need volunteers for committee to review dress code changes within school board guidelines; some intermediate students (10 students – 2 students chosen by intermediate teachers) will have input for student representation, some teachers, and couple of people from parent council – spend less time policing student clothing; could be some contentious items; need discussion and compromise – do not create a divide between adults and students • Jeff and Khal interested in volunteering on committee • Leslie will send video link to Jessica about body shaming at high school (Ted Talk) 		
<p>Hookie Stool Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have 20 stools – kids at John McCrae love them! • Stools designed to move; help focus for work; supports strengthening of core muscles • Hoping Parent Council can help school purchase more – 10 stools = \$1254.00 before tax (6 x 18” stools and 4 x 15” stools) • Mia motions to give school money for stools; Kal seconds motion (pending confirmation parent council has funds to donate) 		
<p>Family Fun Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up sheets are posted by front door of John McCrae • Letter together from food orders • Letter going home tomorrow about baskets; wrapping party Tuesday May 29th • Up to 40 items for silent auction; following leads for possibly 20 other items • Need to follow up with tables order from the board; require help from volunteers to setup 		

Other Business

- Tech Night Seminar; not what was expected but very interesting; had impact on parents; helped create more awareness around smartphone/technology use; no direct strategies for parents, however it was thought provoking and parent mailed some specific questions to speaker about role modelling; impact on brain, etc.; perhaps consider having a round table discussion for next time, consider providing opportunity for session in 2 parts to enable group specific discussions (e.g., age, grade, etc.)
- Contact from other school councils – trying to create a list on how school council contribute to school – list of activities that council contributes to; Khal volunteered to write draft and circulate to council members for feedback
- Need help with Fresh Farm distribution this Thursday, between 1PM and 4PM (email – delivery of Fresh from Farm to school occurs between 10AM and 12PM)
- May 24th – Kindergarten Learning fair; parent council information; coffee, snacks for kids;

Next Meeting (final for year): June 12, 2018
!snacks after!