John McCrae – Parent Count Meeting Minutes – March 12th, 2019

Principal Report

* Land Acknowledgement given
* Hokki Stools
  + Currently have approximately 25 stools; great stools for kids; used a lot for primary grades
  + Special Ed Department was hoping Parent Council could fund more - $120 each – hoping for $2000
  + Trying to acquire resources for students to meet the variety of needs of individuals
  + Last year Parent Council funded purchase of Hokki Stools (approximately $1041); John McCrae purchased $1000 worth of chairs in Fall 2018
  + What are possible upcoming requests for funds? Quebec Trip; Thank You event for student volunteers; Grade 8 Graduation (approximately $500) – need to confirm what has already been included in budget
  + Brendan makes motion to accept $1000 to purchase Hokki stools now and commit another $1000 to purchase more stools later in the year if Parent Council funds permit; Mark seconds motion; Motion Accepted
* School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement
  + Plan is in effect from January to January; living document, regular teacher consultations, incorporate board initiatives
  + Urgent student need – e.g., improve math vocabulary – choose to improve vocabulary related to data management; teachers can have different needs they are working on
  + Posted in classrooms; demonstrates focus/goals of teachers to improve student performance
  + Every 5 years schools receive district review – John McCrae has district review on March 6th, 2019. Review involves assessment of classrooms and learning; groups meet and discuss common themes; review areas to determine how to move forward
* JK registration – 3 on waiting list; 58 spots were available; 64 registrations submitted

Co-chairs Report

* Balance of Royal Bank balance $48K; $35K allocated for planned expenditures; $13K available – try have opening balance of $7K for next year; does not include any additional fund raising for remainder of the year; Tech items have not been included in budget plan
* Teacher Appreciation Date change – moved to April 5th, 2019 (PA Day) because May and June are busy (school events – multiple calls for volunteers) – more manageable to hold in April instead of traditional June date

Family Fun Night

* Thursday June 6th, 2019
* Requires more planning; watch for email correspondence

Movie Night Summary

* Overall, it was a great night; some minor technical issues (DVD playback) at the beginning but those were resolved with Leslie’s hard work; over 200 people in attendance (pre-orders indicated 223 people would attend – compared with 254 last year)
* Deanna and her team managed the setup – big thanks for that effort.
* Great support from Erin and RBC-- Natalee and Julie; Mark Kaminski from council
* Lots of support with clean-up; out of the gym in record time
* Minor issue of room booking – gymnasium had double-booking with Volleyball group (School Board error) – Leslie handled the situation very well
* Approximately 10 orders were not picked up; one missing order
* One family made a $100 donation. Just wondering if we could send them a thank you card or something to recognize their generosity.

Pre-Order Total Donations = ~$416

Pre-Order Total Raffle Tickets = ~$228

Pre-Order Total Food Order = ~$833 – 53 pizzas ordered

Door Sales = $161.90 (mix of food, raffle tickets, donations)

Overall Total = $1639

Total Expenses = $685 (food and drink) + $47 (raffle tickets, plates, napkins) + $30 (raffle basket) = $762

Margin = $877 + RBC grant $1000 = $1877

Food remaining (in Parent Council cupboard in staff room; 1 case of popcorn on top of cupboards):

* 31 Apple Juice Boxes
* 17 Orange Juice Boxes
* 40 Cookies (no expiry date labelled)
* 28 bags of popcorn (expiry august 2019)
* Recommend: donate cookies/popcorn to another school function – cookies sooner than later

Other items to be used for future events:

* Additional paper plates
* Additional napkins
* Lots of raffle tickets

ProGrant: Different Personality Types of Kids

* Date of event: April 9th
* ProGrant speaker is not available; issue due to ProGrant funding being cancelled, then reintroduced
* John McCrae planned to go ahead – need to find a new speaker for event; if any member of Parent Council has some suggestions, please email Tammy and Rebecca
* If event does not move ahead, grant money (if received) needs to be returned

**Other Items**

May 15th is 3rd Annual Dairy Queen (at Stone Road) fundraiser (teachers distribute ice cream) – 5pm to 9pm --- for every cone sold, $1 goes to John McCrae (Quebec Trip fundraiser)

RBC Grant

* Movie night (money received) $1000
* Readathon $1000 - Grateful for last minute volunteers; event was rescheduled due to school closure (weather); event went well; thanks to Leslie for supplying coffee/snacks
* Kindergarten Night – May 23rd – need to start getting volunteers; need at least 3 parent volunteers; 3-hour commitment; RBC contribution to event needs to be finalized; try to complete event shortly after 7PM
* Family Fun Night – need to determine RBC contribution
* RBC Grant program requirements changed – only 10 RBC grants per calendar year for all in schools in Guelph; need to submit next year’s grants as early as possible; Recommend fixing RBC grants dates in June meeting
* Future events – need to remind teachers ahead of time if date changes

**Attendance:**

Mark Kaminski

Leslie Newman

Rebecca Bigelow

Tammy Yakabuskie

Jeff Bennett

Emilia McCormack

Brendan Delehanty