

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 8 at 6:30 – 7:45

### **Attendees:**

**Recorder:** Barbara Farrell

### **Principle's Update – Leslie Newman**

**EQAO** results were presented by Leslie and discussed. John McCrae continues to see higher results in Grade 6 compared to the Board and the Province. This may be related to more exposure to English for the students. Teachers are dissecting the results to see where students had issues or gaps. This will help future teaching so they know where else to focus.

**Chapters fund raiser**-typically the end of November from 5:00 – 9:00 to raise money for the library, details to follow

**Terry Fox Run:** Based on the level of fundraising for the Terry Fox Run, different teachers would do different things. For example, \$400 Mme Sparks dyed her hair, \$4,500 Mr. Reay taped to the wall during the assembly, \$5,000 Mrs. Newman working outside. FYI – Mrs. Newman is working outside tomorrow.

#### **Teacher fundraiser requests:**

- Kindergarten: French language development books \$1,121
- Primary: assessment kits GB+ French reading assessment, J'ecrit, \$1,000
- Juniors: chrome books
- Intermediate: chrome books, reading books on indigenous study, \$1,500
- \$3,600 plus chrome books

### **Council President Report**

#### **By-Laws Review - Jeff**

- Jeff distributed the by-laws and asked each member to review for the December meeting
- Jeff provided an overview of the by-laws.
- Jeff will provide via email and request for feedback.

**Lottery license:** Yes, we are supposed to get a license. We should be filing for the raffles like family fun night and movie night. \$25 fee for the application. Rules on how many tickets can be sold. 3% of the raffle amounts would need to be paid to the city. Jeff will initiate getting the license.

**Apples:** Discussed the apples in the office in case students are hungry. This is ~\$2K annual expense. Requested that the apples are funded through School Council for 2019/20. **first: Barbara, second: Brendan, motion**

**Insurance:** School Council has purchased liability insurance for up to \$2.0M for \$120 per year through the Board. This is an on-going annual cost. **first: Brendan, Second: Jess**

**Fundraiser List:** Rebecca to update the 19/20 Fundraiser.

**Bulbs Fundraiser:** Agreed that the funds raised would be for technology. Note that grade 7 & 8 funds raised would go to their grade 8 trip.

**Family Fun Night:** Funds raised will be for the kindie yard. **first: Tara, second: Pete**

**Follow the River (Streams of Dreams):** First Nation perspective on the river and our relations to the river. Guest speakers – Jan Sherman for the younger children, looking for someone for the older children, Require volunteers to paint the fish before the children paint and then after they paint, they will need to be painted again. Fish to be locate on the fence by the street or down by the gardens, maybe the kindie fence. Already earmarked one RBC grant for this for \$1,000.

Movie Night: Funds raised will be for Kindie yard. **first: jess, second: Brendan**

Family Fun Night: Funds raised will be for kindie yard. **first: jess, second: Brendan**

Storm Skate: Funds raised will be for outdoor play equipment. **first: jess, second: Brendan**

Wreath: Funds raised will be for kindie yard. **first: jess, second: Brendan**

**Equipment Repair:** \$2,000 holding amount in case of repairs for the playground equipment. **first: Meagan, second: Brendan**

**RBC Grants:** Not submitted yet for the 2019/2020 year. The application should open at the end of October.

**Kindie Structure:** \$21K learning fund earmarked for the kindie structure. Need to develop a goal for fundraising, create a committee to figure out what we need, will need to obtain minimum 3 proposals. Rebecca to send out an email to see about interest in the meetings. Looking for about 6-8 members.

**Dance-a-thon:** language and assessment for all divisions and the kindie yard, kids motivated by what fun things the teachers can do. **first: Brendan, second: Jess** In 18/19, the fundraising for the Dance-a-thon was higher. Potentially, this could be because the sheet was distributed before Thanksgiving. Decided not to have popsicles this year. Need volunteers for the day of the event. Last year, Jessica Sherrin's partner did the DJ. Decorating the day of the event starting 7:30. Set-up, supervision, clean-up. Email blaster will be sent. Donations for event required.

**Technology:** \$12K, approved in June, Tammy to figure out if \$12K or \$10K

**ProGrant:** With the progrant funds this year, we will have a session on April 14, 2020 related to Children's Mental Health by Dr. Lin Woodford.

**Vesey's:** Thank you Margaret for verifying the orders. \$3,550 worth of product, 50% will come back to the school. After the form went out, Rebecca was approached with negative feedback in that the flowers did not grow. Please acknowledge and let us know if there are negative items this year.

**Fresh from the Farm:** This fundraiser is just for 7 & 8. Orders due back October 15. The product is not organic but local. If you don't know a grade 7 or 8, you can order in the office.

**Date of Next Meeting:** November 12, 2019 at 6:30 – 7:45

