

John McCrae Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10 at 6:30 – 7:45

Attendees: Jess Poland, Barbara Farrell, Mark Kaminski, Tammy Yakabuskie, Leslie Newman (principal), Chad Reay (vice principal), Michele Collins, Tim Fish, Jeff Bennett and Rebecca Bigelow

Recorder: Barbara Farrell

Principle's Update – Leslie Newman/Chad Raey

Land Acknowledgement: appreciation for the land, the river and the maple bush

Vice-principal Leaving: Chad leaving after a year and a half. He will be the principal at Gateway School. Mme Fortier is going to be the permanent vice-principal starting January 6. Leslie retiring in June 2020.

Mitten Tree: It's already full. It will be going to Chalmers. Food and lost and found will go to Chalmers also.

Supporting 3 families over Christmas. Last night, teachers had the wrapping party for the families.

Snowman Run: Wednesday, December 18, RBC workers will be on-site and the grant will follow.

Flip/Give: Chad reviewed the policy and information and sent to the Board office and insurance. The Board is not supporting. Although the purchases is done, Flip/Give hosts all of the personal information and the server is hosted outside of Canada. This is an exposure for the Board and the school and against policy. We will not be going ahead with this initiative.

Work to Rule/Strike: OSSTF in Upper Grand include ECEs, Administration, and high school teachers. Leslie and Chad took any questions.

Council Update

Movie Night: January 30. Raffle ticket will be given if the person buys a pizza or popcorn, thus we don't need a lottery license.

Treasury Report: Tim Fish

- Wreathes - net \$1,650
- Allocated more to the kindie yard from prior year based on agreement, transferred from technology. This leaves \$3,000 to spend on technology.

Buddy Bench: Michelle

- Presentation included
- More practical to be outside instead of inside
- What happens if the bench gets broken?
- The recommended option is the #GetintouchwithHutch. The organization is in memory of her son from Fergus and would pay for half of the funds. Application to ETFO is due at the end of January for another \$500 and then the school would pay ~\$135. In addition, the school would need to fund the mounting of the bench.

Kindie Yard Committee: Sara has the email list and will sending out a meeting event provided the strike isn't still on. If the strike is still going, a parent may need to lead. Targeted for 3 and 4 year olds.

Date of Next Meeting: January 14, 2020 at 6:30 – 7:45