June Avenue Parent Council Minutes - Tuesday October 3rd 2017

Welcome and Introductions

People Present: Chris Kay, Andrea Moyer, Amy Harvey, Jennifer Sage, Astrid Kastner

Regrets: Dave Christiansen, Janet Ivey, Marnie Tobin, Martha Amidon, Melissa Ingle

Acceptance of the Agenda – Accepted – all in favour. Passed.

Acceptance of June 2017 Minutes– Accepted – all present in favour. Passed

Treasurer's Report –Closing Balance $13, 415 – June 30 2017. We are in good shape financially. No new information at this time. We are still looking for a Treasurer for Parent Council.

Principal's Report

- Open House went well – good family attendance
- Mad Science starts October 26, 2017
- Terry Fox went very well – raised approx.$460.00 so there is an Assembly tomorrow (October 4th) where teachers will fulfill their fundraising promises. Mr. Clark has slide show ready for the kids to watch
- Picture Day today – will be getting proofs to look at soon
- Junior Soccer day was today – kids had fun
- Wed. Oct 4 is Walk to School Day – kids will be walking around the school, doing community walk
- Thurs Oct 5th is our Chocolate Fundraiser kick off Assembly
- Friday Oct 6th is World Smile day – Principal will be giving smiley stickers
- Orange Shirt day on Friday in remembrance for Indigenous Recognition and the healing process from previous Residential school days
- Grade 1 and Grade 4 teachers are doing PRIME math assessment diagnostic with the kids – with follow-up training to learn more about target needs
- Cross Country October 17th at Margarent Green Park
- IEP's go home October 17th – Parent Consultations have taken place
- Local Government Week Oct. 16th – Oct. 20th
- Dress Purple for Mental Health Day on October 24th
- ECE Appreciation Day on October 25h
- Helping Hands Group will be doing some work with Mrs.Pennessi on a Guatemala Project
- Little Room and Big Room are starting with Sunrise Therapy riding later this month (bi-weekly for Oct and Nov – 6 sessions)
- October 27th PD day – AM Math work and urgent student learning needs, PM Progress Report writing
- Yoga sessions for Big and Little Room – taking place weekly
- Environment club will be starting after Thanksgiving – garden clean up (Janet Ivey will be consulted about how to winter ready the Pollinator Garden)

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New Business

1) **Council Position Discussions**
   - Still needing people to fill in the roles of Treasurer, Chair or Co-Chair
   - Fundraising Role filled by James Ward, Jennifer Sage, Amy Harvey with others supporting

2) Meeting Dates and Times

-First Tuesday of the month will be our regular meeting time – next Meeting **Tuesday November 7th at 7pm**

3) Project Budgets/Fundraising

- Decision was made to give each teacher one presentation from the Scientists in the Schools and an Arts program of their choosing – Astrid will share more information with staff/parent council about different Arts Program ideas compiled at her last school. Chris will share this new initiative with Staff – expectation will be that each teacher will book one program of each type at some point throughout the school year .

- Pizza and Cookies will be taken care of by Martha

- Mrs. Mullis (Parent) is taking care of the milk orders

- School Spirit Wear – Martha and Andrea to do some leg work - Three reputable places to look into 1) HN Imprint 2)Marchants 3) Printed to a Tee We will need a school logo to use. Gather information for next meeting.

- Dance-A-Thon idea approved – will be planned for February – Astrid will take a lead with this

- Spring Carnival will be planned again for later in the Spring – seemed to be very popular with the kids and parents. Similar events as last year (use some of our funding like last year)

Lamontange-Laura Secord Chocolate Kick-Off Assembley– October 5th –

- All parents to get a box of chocolates unless they let the school know that they don't want it. Students who take a box home will then be responsible for the $90 owing. Amy Harvey will do the money counting/follow-up.
- Money will go towards ipad purchases, walkie talkies, maker space activity centres for library
- Letter about Learning Foundation donations will go home with people who opt out of selling chocolate bars – asking them to consider making a cash donation

New Business

- Invitation for parents to attend a Parent Session at Victory Public School on Interventions for Anxiety Challenges by Dr.Bev Miller. An invitation will go home with all students about this. Tuesday Oct 10th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in our school library.

- Publicity Campaign – How to Get more Parents Involved – a few ideas were shared. Idea to use movie night by Helping Hands group as a way to connect with more parents. Movie night will be late Nov or early December – it would be a night where kids were taken care of and could free parents up to get more involved with Council initiatives.

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 7th– 7:00 to 8:00 pm

All Welcome