

## June Avenue Parent Council Minutes - Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Welcome and Introductions

**People Present:** James, Dana, Marnie, Chris K, Jan, Melissa , Astrid and Jen

**Regrets:** Martha, Andrea, Amy

**Acceptance of the Agenda** –Marnie, all seconded.

**Acceptance of March Minutes**– James moved and Jan accepted

**Treasurer Report** – Amy was absent so moved to May meeting. All that was stated that Teachers allowance cut off day is April 30th

### **Principal's Report**

March flew by quickly.

-“Potential” new families have toured the school- regular and special education classrooms. Great comments all around re: Winter Carniva . One “potential” new family attended and felt warmly *welcomed by the community.*

-Rocks & Rings presented the in's and outs of curling to our students. They learned how to sweep, “hurry”– some even “hurry hard” and how to throw a rock aiming at the “house” trying to get closest to the ‘button’. Fun experience for all – tied in with the Winter Olympics theme this year.

-Little Jammers did their school demo presentation and forms for guitar lessons have gone home – due this week – on line registrations at [littlejammerz.com](http://littlejammerz.com) cost \$110.00 includes \$20.00 guitar rental

-Macmillan order delivery and pick up went well. Gr 6 students helped to collate orders with some Parent Council help.

-We celebrated Purple Day on March 26 as part of Epilepsy awareness month. June Ave has at least 3 students who suffer from Epilepsy so we were happy to initiate purple day to bring awareness to this health condition.

-Mr. Campbell held his gr 6 camp information night on March 27<sup>th</sup>. A GREAT parent turn-out to find out about Mansfield and what parents need to do to be able to send their child away for 2 night/3 days.

-Today was BLUE day in recognition of World Autism Day which was held April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Superintendent of Education, Gary Slater is visiting June Ave on April 5<sup>th</sup> – Principal discussion time re: staffing, school concerns, looking at the school, visiting classrooms.

-Recess DASH program starts on Thursday. This is an 8 week leadership development program for junior students. Developing mediation skills, how to introduce new “play” ideas on the yard, etc. Mrs. Nunn in consultation with junior teachers recommended students.

-Mr. Campbell is taking some junior students to Skills Canada on Fri. April 6. They are busy building, planning and practicing for these various events

-UGDSB Everyday Hero nominations are due April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Mullins /Mrs.Kastner are coordinating June Ave's entry – Mrs. Aubin .

-Mr. Routis has started Floor Hockey tryouts and will move to practices in preparation for the tournament on April 11<sup>th</sup>

-Thurs. April 12<sup>th</sup> is International Pink Shirt Day and is our RESPECT assembly starring Gr 3/ 4 readers as they present the bucket filling book.

-Our Lockdown Drill will happen this month. The Police are here to monitor how efficient we are and ensure student safety. We have 3 Fire Drills to perform before the end of May and a Severe Weather Drill.

-We will be observing Earth Day on Mon. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Mr. Justine is supporting us in holding a lunch program fundraiser. We will have 3 fundraising events before the end of June. April will be a spring theme, May will be a Mexican theme and June a summer meal of cheeseburger sliders. The suggested donation will be \$4.00 per lunch. We will set up on line payment option as well as accepting cash on the day. We're thinking about pre-order identification to allow the purchase of enough materials. For families who can't, we will pay it forward so no child is left without.

-Administrative Assistant Day is Wed. April 25 and Custodial/Maintenance Day is Thurs April 26. We will recognize both Mrs.Roosenboom and Mr.Bill on their respective days.

-Parent Council Event OIC is Thurs. April 26 from 5:00-8:00 at CWDHS. Astrid, Andrea and I are registered. If anyone else is interested please let me know so I can put you on June Ave's page.

-Fri. April 27 is a Ministry PA Day. Mrs. Roosenboom will be at an OC in-service, EA's/ECE will be at union workshops and teachers will be at school revisiting the SIP, assessing our Math strategy progress and completing the School Self-Assessment. This day provides time for teachers to look at SIP goals and steps made towards meeting these goals.

-For Tuesday May 1 Parent Council meeting, I have invited Mr. Bill Mackenzie from IT Department at the Board Office to come to the May meeting to talk to us about the new apps at the Board and how they will support Parent Council getting information out to the global community via technology. Their campaign is titled "Stay Connected".

-Tuesday May 1st is also Toonie Tuesday for Free to Achieve. Funds raised go to the board's equity fund to support students and families to access activities, services, acquire resources and materials for everyday survival. Students are asked to donate a toonie on this day. Our students will be invited to participate in some fun days – for a small coin fee to help us generate some much needed dollars for students in Upper Grand

-The same week, Thurs. May 3 we are hosting our annual Open House & Book Fair in recognition of Education Week. It will run from 5:30 -7:00pm. Education Week in the UGDSB is May 7 – 11.

-Staffing News and School Organization projections:

Our numbers are down slightly – approx. 8 – 9 students

The way the numbers align we have been organized to the maximum in primary of 20, gr ¾ 23 and grade 4 – 6 @ 27.5 :1

This means:

- 2 Kindergarten classes (same as current) - 1 @ 15 no ECE & 1 @ 22 = ECE
- 1 Gr. 1/ 2 (down from 2 this year) @ 20
- 1 Gr. 2/3 (same as this year) @ 20
- Gr . 3/ 4 @ 23 (15 boys:8 girls)
- Gr. 4/ 5 @ 30
- Gr. 6 @ 25

In terms of staff, we currently hold 13.0 FTE and will be down to 11.9 FTE in September

Mrs. Anderson – Mrs. Jones's Day 4 (0.2) will be declared Surplus at the end of the week as will Mrs. Leach (Knd and planning time teacher) 1.0 and Mr. Routis 0.1 so will remain with us 0.9

\*Confirmation of what teacher is teaching where will be finalized by April 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Fundraising Updates**

- MacMillans raised \$1500 - great job!
- Rheo Thompsons all sold - \$130 raised
- Spirit wear – still have to confirm with Martha if the monies have balanced – at previous meeting there was concern with online payments (will update in May)
- Winter Carnival was a success! Just some things for next year: add Water to be purchased at front for \$1 and NO GIRAFFE (too loud!).

### **New Business**

- Outdoor class room has some water retaining issues we will contact company that installed to see if they can fix it, sounds like a new retainer system is needed maybe concrete retainer.
- Jan has applied for the GRCF for three years and will keep applying in hopes to get the grant for Seeds, vegetable plants and Pollinators. We are allotted 3 yards of mulch from the board every year.
- Chris K is still working on finalizing the painted rocks for walkway in maze.
- Jan looking for volunteers to help with gardens once weather gets better

### **Tech refresh**

- iPads have been ordered and are believed to be at the board getting apps and programs approved by board. 10 ordered by council and 10 by Boards we believe protective covers have been purchased too.
- Issues have arisen with Chrome books - some keys are being pulled off and misplaced and the top covers are being bent back words in breaking the attachments.

### **Teachers Appreciation**

- We will have Teachers appreciation lunch on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Marnie, Dana and Jan organizing. Amy we need to know the amount of money allotted for this event (can discuss at May meeting)

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm**  
**All Welcome!**