

Parent Council November 6 2018 Minutes

Time 7:00pm

Location: June Ave Public School

Chair: James Harvey

In attendance: James, Dana, Amy A, Andrea, Amy H, Chris, Heather, Melissa, Marni, Jen

1. McMaster Nursing Students presentation

-presented by Shaloni and Casey

-Head Lice: what is head lice, what do they look like, how does it spread, signs of head lice, prevention methods, things to consider (myth or fact), treatment

-Respiratory Infections: what is the respiratory system, common cold vs influenza, is it a cold or flu?, how is it diagnosed, prevention methods, remedies

-coming into the classrooms November 26, 2018

2. Welcome

-welcome Amy Alum, son started JK in September

3. Acceptance of Agenda

-1st James 2nd Dana

4. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting

-1st James 2nd Jen

5. Treasurers Report

-chocolate sales made \$1296.95 grand total. Dana will have final numbers for next month, pending some returns

-Dance-a-thon made over \$12,000. It went well, kids really liked prizes, parent council wants to do it again next year

-right now we are ahead of fundraising budget

-money allocated to fixing the wash out of the pathway leading to the outdoor classroom. In October it was discussed the possibility of using pea gravel from the playground if pea gravel was getting replaced with bark chips. Snow is going to come soon and we may not have time to have someone come in to get a quote

6. Principals Report

October was a busy month.

Gr 3's completed the CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) which the Board uses for Gifted screening

Our students participated in the Area Soccer Tournament on Oct 5.

3 more of our teachers will be trained in PRIME – a math diagnostic test to determine students lagging skills

These results will be used to support small grouping, in –class teaching to build a solid foundation of math numeracy to support student achievement and hopefully help boost our math scores in gr 3&6 on EQAO.

Number Talks is a big part of getting kids explaining their thinking, out loud, to show how they know what they know.

Our special education students in regular stream and DD classes will receive their IEP's on Oct 17. These are working documents that parents have had input into goal setting in support of student learning & achievement.

Cross-Country meet is at Margaret Green Park on Oct 19.

EACE Appreciation Day is Oct 16. We have 2 EA's so we will celebrate their work together.

Helping Hands group has started up again and under the direction of Mrs. Jones and Mme Pennesi, they will be kicking the year off with a sock drive for Nicaragua

Take Me Outside Day is Oct 24. ALL classes will have an outdoor learning experience that day. The lessons will be shared and will earn us ECO school points.

Our Junior teachers will be participating in a workshop on Oct 25 – Tools for Life . Our primary teachers will receive the training early in the new year and then we will have a school wide understanding and approach to building perseverance and self-regulation in our students.

The Big & Little Rooms will be taking a life skills trip to Thai Village Restaurant and the Public Library. They will put to use the manners they have been practicing and learning to use public transit.

Teachers are busy putting together their 'gift of time" for student prizes for the dance-a-thon fundraising participation draw. We will have our community Hallowe'en Parade and then together, we will go to the gym for our dance time. Knd. and grade1/ 2 will participate but will hold their dance in their own classes so as to avoid anxiety and stress with the dark, loud and busy atmosphere that will exist in the gym.

We continue to have the Officer Sherry – community Policing, present to our students about personal safety and bullying. The grade 1's and 5's will have a presentation on Nov 1 with the knd having a short visit in their classrooms.

On the Nov 2 PA Day, teachers will be working on Progress Reports for the afternoon.

7. Fund Raising - Spirit Wear Launch?

-Marni: went to "Printed To A Tee" to get ideas. They have shorts and quickwick shirt which could sell well.

This was the first place Marni went. Last year orders were from "Direct Save" but there were many issues last year including recalls. Waverly doing grad wear including baseball style tees, we could offer grad wear for Grade 6s? Not do as a fundraiser but put it out there and let parents buy what they want. Decided to push spirit wear ordering to the spring

8. Matters arising from previous matters

- a) Front sign repair - on the list for James. Less than \$100
- b) Parent involvement - 4 calls made to new potentials yesterday by Heather. One new member today (Amy A). James spoke with a new parent who is interested. Current form for new interests in parent council doesn't request emails. If we had emails we could include in them in the monthly reminders.
- c) Snack program concerns from teachers - some students were liking what was in the snack bin more than their own lunch and hiding or throwing out their home provided food. Teachers liked goldfish and granola bars but questioned the sugar content of the gummies. Bin in classrooms for 3 weeks and not much was used. Could keep in classroom for future and see how well it is used. Ww will not put any more into this but will use what is left. Through "Food and Friends" we have bagels, english muffins, cream cheese in the fridge for student who need meals. For students who need meals we are trying yogurt, cheese, other protein.

9. New Business

-Twice the Deal has food compliance but if we are going to do pizza we need parent involvement. We need a parent to take money, collate forms, make the orders. We have two parents willing to distribute the pizza on Fridays. In October Minutes, it said Mr. French would do the spreadsheet and ordering and that Mr. French and Mr. Ward would do alternating Fridays. Amy A offered to do the monthly ordering. Will ask Martha (who did was the pizza parent from previous years) to teach Mrs. French and Amy A how to do the spreadsheet and ordering.

Next Meeting is the Christmas meeting- pot luck or take out at school or a restaurant?

-at Dana's house December 11th. Chris will pick up Chinese food. 6pm.

Move to end the meeting - 1st James 2nd Chris