Parent Council February 2019 Minutes

Date: Tuesday February 5th, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: June Avenue Public School

Chair: James Harvey

1. Welcome

-Present: Chris, Melissa, Jen, Marni, Amy, Heather

2. Acceptance of Agenda

-Jen 1st Marni 2nd

3. Acceptance of Minutes from Tuesday January 15th, 2019

-under treasures report under “grounds maintenance” it should be “Playground maintenance”

-$1000 for Angel Fund

-acceptance of minutes Jen 1st, Melissa 2nd

4. Treasurer’s Report (Amy)

-all is well

-we need to get money out of old account into new account. Chris will get a template letter from Board Office, Amy will sign and give to bank to close old account

5. Principal’s Report (Chris)

-Principal’s Report attached at bottom

-perhaps next Fall we could do a parent involvement night on number talks and strategies, what a number talk is. Could we get Blayne Primeau in to do a number talk with the parents? Video a number talk in a classroom to show

6. School Apparel/Spirit Wear update (Marni)

-Friday Feb 8th cutoff for school vote

-will have some examples for winter carnival

-Sharon is coming on Monday to give presentation to Grade 6 for grad wear

7. Winter carnival – Feb 27th – final planning, volunteers, etc.6:30-8:00

-Kiddie Fun Track is booked, yes to food and will confirm games with NO Giraffe game. Dana has stand for water jugs (need to get jugs of water from Costco). Dana has 2 volunteers and maybe we could ask parents interested in parent council who don’t always come. We need more volunteers. 1 parent at food, Dana’s kids could do games event, Andrea isn’t sure she has enough entertaining things for an obstacle course but she is willing to run it with our resources

Obstacle course - Andrea, Amy will help set up

Just Dance - Chris and Heather

Toonie Toss - Marni will buy Woodlawn bowl $50, James will run it

Food & water - Dana and her kids

Spirit Wear - Marni

Extra Tickets - Jen

Mural for colouring - Heather

Games - Amy and Mikayla basketball, Mr Shinkman hockey

Bag to school - Amy

Save the date sent out this week. Parents needed: set up 5:30, tear down at 8:00 and anything in between

Make it pink day at the carnival

8. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

-dress code is almost ready to be published on the website and Chris will bring it to the next meeting

9. New Business?

-order anti-bullying t-shirts from Amy’s friend

End Meeting Chris 1st Amy 2nd

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 5th, 2019

Feb. 5, 2019

Principal’s Report

We finished up first term and are heading into term 2 without a lot of issues.

The staffing process has begun – step 1 is school enrolment projections which are due this Fri. Feb. 8th, by noon. This will help determine the number of classes and therefore number of teachers required at each school.

We’re sitting pretty with 11 or 12 registrations for JK/SK so far, (hoping to keep us able to maintain 2 ECE’s) and we know from history we will get more through to the end of the summer. Our student base is sitting at 190 currently including our 2 Spec. Ed classes. Teachers, EA’s, Principal to be determined by June.

To end January we had the third of four skating outings for our juniors and Lion’s vision screening for our SK’s

Welcome to February, Random Acts of Kindness Month and Black History Month.

At our staff meeting tonight we had a very informative presentation for the student success LEAD on the use of All About Me Portfolio. It’s a way for students from jk-12 to compile a record of their learning journey. Between students and teachers, artifacts and reflections of student learning, thinking, inquiry are recorded and stored. If you have a teacher using See-Saw this is possibly going to replace it in the fall as See-Saw is a red tool and we will not be allowed to use these tools due to privacy & compliance issues.

Tomorrow, Feb. 6th is Winter Walk Day. With all the hype around the weather today and tonight, IF there’s a system shut down we will reschedule the walk, as a school, for another appropriate date in February.

Feb. 7th is National Sweater day. June Ave has committed to having the heat turned down 2 degree so be sure to layer your child for the day so they can be comfortable inside and out. Also, the grade 4 /5’s have a Police session on computer safety while the grade 2/ 3’s will be presented with the Safe Side program.

Wed. Feb 13th is the junior’s last skating outing.

Mrs. Nunn and Mr. Campbell are busily preparing our junior basketball players for the tournament on Fri

Feb. 15th. The girls are in the morning and the boys in the afternoon, at Willow Road.

Mon. Feb. 18th is Family Day and there’s No School. Enjoy time together as a family. We expect that Mrs. Jones will return at this time but in the meantime, Ms. DeCosimo has integrated in seamlessly with our staff and students.

Wed. Feb. 20th Mr. Campbell and I will be at the Guelph Board Office in the morning for a Number Talks in-service to take us to the next level with this initiative and to push our gr 6’s further in developing their critical thinking.

Mon. Feb. 25th the primary staff will be at Victory for a combined session with their staff on Tools for Life., a program to help teachers teach and work with students to develop self-regulation skills, learn tolerance and build resiliency through the use of strategies appropriate at any stage of life.

We have 2 days of Dairy Presentations by Nancy Harper from the Dairy Board.

Wed. Feb. 27th is National Pink Shirt Day – we will were pink and encourage our students to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that they (we) do not tolerate bullying. This is a fit ending to the month as February is Random Acts of Kindness Month. Our bulletin board in the main hallway will hopefully be re-activated and students will be recognized in word and picture for doing “good” to and for others, independently, self-initiated. . . .

Before we meet again, we will have participated in Live Free day where we will be asking students and families who are able to donate a toonie for Hunger. We hope to have a special lunch day as a fundraiser for this cause. All proceeds raised will return to the school through Food & Friends, who help support and provide students to run our lunch program.