

## **MVPS Parent Council Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2018**

Attendees: Peter Leblanc (Principal), Shawn Henderson (Vice Principal), Stephany St. Louis, Cathy Smyth, Stephanie Massicotte, Richelle Brady, Casey Bird, Christine Kirkland, Jackie Irwin (teacher representative), Sarah Gladue, Krystie Park, Lauren Nall, Meagan Miser, Jillian Moule, Ximena Butko, Stephanie Whitworth

6:31 Cathy called the meeting to order

### Welcome and Introductions

- Cathy welcomed everyone and we made introductions around the table

### Approval of Minutes

- June 2018 – Approved by Sarah, second by Christine
- August 2018 – Approved by Stephanie W, second by Stephany St.L

### Administrator's Report

- Peter LeBlanc shared
  - No reorganization this year
  - Slight schedule changes to make some things more consistent over grades i.e., music, phys-ed
  - Initial mtg with direction team (School leadership team) to discuss their focus for PD this year.
  - Public report for EQAO was released today; scores were very good and above average compared to the board

### Treasurer's Report – Stephany

- At the end of last year our Net income remaining was \$12,113.98. \$10,000 of this is still ear marked for the potential playground project
- \$3004.67 remains from last year which will be reallocated to the school when it is decided on what will be purchased with that money
- Food programs alone last year raised \$22,940.80

### Elections for new council

- Chair – Stephany St. Louis nominated by Cathy, seconded by Stephanie M
- Vice Chair - Cathy nominated by Stephany , seconded by Stephanie W
- Treasurer – Sarah G nominated by Stephany, seconded by Cathy
- Secretary – Stephanie W nominated by Stephany, seconded by Stephanie M

## Events/Fundraising

- Movie nights/community nights – some concerns with attendance last year at movie nights, Stephany suggested perhaps some new ideas, family dance/vendor section on different sides of the gym. This would be a free event. Talks around some of the challenges on movie nights, young kids up to late, hosting it on a Thursday night a challenge, movies not of interest to older students. Stephany will get some dates of availability from Ann to start planning events. Will continue to further discuss this.

## Meet the teacher night

- Stephany discussed some community organizations that are going to set up information during the night on a table
- Some vendors secured for that night already
- Stephanie M will take care of ordering pizzas, have pizzas cut in 8 slices
- Pizza volunteers – Sarah, Krystie, Lauren, Stephanie W, Stephanie daughter Amy, Ximena will try
- Sarah G will shop for pop

## Food programs

- Lunches made easy (Mondays): Cathy stated that Victoria informed she had approval from the board last Friday, class lists have been requested, we have not heard from the board or Victoria if it has been confirmed and therefore we can not proceed.
- Fionn McCools: They are willing to do Monday's and Wednesdays as needed/wanted. We will start with our trial dates and re evaluate
- Temple Nutrition: Peter has been in contact with them. Locally sourced and fresh foods. They have not done food programs but are willing to trial it out with our school. We would be interested in receiving some information and Peter will follow up.
- Farm to School: Stephany will email information and we will discuss it further at another meeting
- Pizza: Stephanie M, it is out on school cash online. Pizza Pizza has a reading program, students receive a card; if they read 10 books they get a free slice. We are no longer doing dairy free. Gluten free is only offered as cheese.
- Smoothies: no update, orders are out on School Cash Online
- Popcorn: Stephanie M looked into a new company, we will come back to this

- We are going to wait to find out what classroom teachers are doing for fundraising before we look into new options so as to not duplicate or overwhelm people
- There was discussion around communication of fund raising and school emails. Some people were not aware of and have not received emails. Some people are not aware of CASL and emails. If you have any questions and you are not getting any emails from CASL/the school then please speak to Peter LeBlanc

#### Communication/Remind app

- Stephany discussed setting up a Remind account for parent council. Parents can choose to join. We can send out reminders as well as volunteer requests.

#### Playground update

- Stephany provided background information on the playground project from last year. We have a response from the board regarding whether we could donate funds to build an accessible structure on Bravery Park. They have not said no but they have many reservations including; what is the school community's awareness of how the money would be spent? Not on school property, requires field trip policies be followed in order to go there (ratios of student:staff), concerns around maintenance and safety checks. Need to consider the age of our current structure and it may need replaced given the life of a playground (15-18 years). School needs to get assurance from the town that the school is not responsible. Our current park is 15 years old and we potentially will have to replace our playground. Nov 1-Mar 31 the board requires play structures to be closed. Peter will look into whether the board has a policy on an expiry date of the structure. There are annual inspections from the board that happen yearly on the structure.
- Stephany indicated she would like to make a proposal to make a final decision on the playground project next meeting. Stephanie M will bring the information she has collected to date

#### Technology in the school

- Peter provided a breakdown of what technology is in each division at this time

#### Time sensitive allocation requests

- Cathy had a verbal request from the CYC Tamara regarding a request for yoga in November and December as a drop in program at NB. A motion was put forward by Cathy for \$300 to be allocated to Tamara for Yoga, seconded by Stephanie M

## The Hub

- Peter discussed the philosophy behind the hub. The purpose is to support students self regulation in 3 ways; a quiet space, a body break, a reset. Council members were given an opportunity to see the hub. The life skills class is taking more responsibility for supporting the food program that ran out of the Hub in the past.

## Other business

- Buses: there is link you can go on to see if you are eligible for bussing if you are unsure. [www.findmyschool.ca](http://www.findmyschool.ca)

## **Date for next meeting**

- **Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30**

## **Date for budget allocation meeting**

- **Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30**

8:25 pm Meeting adjourned