

## **Ponsonby Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

January 22, 2018

Ponsonby PS Staff Room

In attendance: Laurie Kaczmarczyk, Jeff Crawford, Nancy Fischer, Cindy Heron, Darcy and Bailey

Meeting was called to order at 6:40

Laurie motioned to approve November's minutes; Cindy seconded.

### **Principal's report/Jeff Crawford**

Despite a few glitches, Kindergarten registration went well; this year, parents completed the first section of the process online, and then came in to finish registration in person. We now have 19 incoming JKs, and we will have 24 SKs. We're hopeful that we will have two full classes, though it's early in the process, and things can change.

Spring performance will be the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

Jeff shared paper copies of a news brief for January, which contains current and specific calendar items. One copy will go home to each family starting in February.

Re: fundraising and accounting for these dollars: Laurie, I think you can explain this part of the discussion better than I can!

Darlene McClaren at the board is setting up categories for School Council activities. Funds will be transferred from an account at Meridian into a consolidated school account. Darcy and Laurie will sit down with Amanda MacKenzie to make sure these reflect council's fundraising and other activities correctly.

### **Teacher report/Nancy Fischer**

We will be doing rotations for Valentine's Day. Parents would really appreciate it if we sent home information about the rotations, along with information about colour houses, and which colour house students belong to.

Thanks so much for the Chromebooks – they've been ordered, and we will be really happy to get them!

The play, Hansel and Gretel and the Creepy Wood, has been cast and is in rehearsals; we have a large and enthusiastic cast, and will start a choir soon to accompany the production.

Food and Friends: some good conversation about this! We are considering moving Food and Friends to second break only, to avoid students who are "shopping" at first break for something

they like better than what's in their lunch. We had a discussion about sharing the findings of our school's annual waste audit.

The primary music club meets afternoons on Day 3, and is having a good time under Madame Plourde's leadership.

The end-of-year school trip will be discussed at the staff meeting tomorrow afternoon; stay tuned!

Forest of Reading is underway. Primary students are reading Blue Spruce books in class, and grades 3-6 are reading Silver Birch books on a voluntary basis and conferencing with teachers about them.

Michelle Swan will be putting together an Olympic themed Winter Carnival, which will happen in February, weather permitting.

**Finances:**

Review of current financials (attached)

Teachers are encouraged to spend their 200 dollars! So far, only four teachers have done so.

General Discussion:

There will be a Parent Involvement Committee meeting at the board office on Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Laurie will bring a board "principal input" survey to the next meeting; this information is sought annually from school councils to identify school-specific needs.

Elora School Council is doing a presentation on safety and social media on February 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Elora Public School; parents and caregivers from the community are invited to attend. Students will attend separate presentations.

At tomorrow's staff meeting, teachers will be asked to clarify what they would like their division's 1700-dollar requests to pay for. Jeff has added this to the agenda.

Upcoming movie nights: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers would be appreciated.

Next council meeting: Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Items to consider at next meeting: fundraising and Get Creative.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm