**Primrose Elementary Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 6:45pm – Primrose Learning Commons

**Attendees:** Kimberly Dempsey-Jones, Lori Shilvock, Karen Kennedy, Jo Thomson, Mandy Little, Lisa Thompson, Andrew James, Adelle Barr-Klouman, Kelly French, Jennifer Payne, Carly Ferris, Sandra Wellman, Susan Harman, Jen Robertson, Nicole Hambleton, Christine Wallace,

Krista Harley; Regrets: Colleen Kee, Nicole Patton.

**Welcome and Introductions 6:45pm**

We would like to officially welcome Andrew James as our Community Member, as well as Nicole Patton as our Non-Teaching Member.

**By-law update** – Karen Kennedy

* Council by-laws have been reviewed and updated
* Voting parent member positions have been filled by, but are not limited to, the following parents – Jenn Payne, Kelly French, Adelle Barr-Klouman, Nicole Hambleton, Susan Harman, Carly Ferris
* It has been proposed that a member of the Puma PAC be the student representative on council; possibility of a rotating position to give more students the experience of being a part of council

**MOTION** to review wording of and qualifications for parent members, specifically percentage of meetings to attend in order to have a vote

**Principal’s Report**

* This week is Treaty recognition week. Acknowledgment of the Sagueen Ojibiway people on whose ancestral and treaty lands we teach, learn and live.
* Boogieathon raised over $6000 for technology in the school. Was originally organized to welcome and support students from Centennial Hylands as it has been a part of their school for many years.
* Student Leadership: Puma PAC - first meeting resulted in good discussions; OVOT - leading intramurals beginning this week. Taking part in North Dufferin gathering on November 23rd; Me to We - We Scare Hunger brought in a truck load of food for donation to Shepherds Cupboard; GSA - Support our LGBTQ population
* District Support Visit from the Board went well.
* Progress reports go home November 20th. Mid-term review of students before interviews. Interviews being held Friday, November 30 (PD Day), with some the evening of November 29 (depending on teacher availability). Parents will be able to sign up for interviews online.

**Division Report – Jen Robertson**

* Request to put a message out asking for supplies for the Makers Space on Facebook

**MOTION** put forward to fund the sewing club $100 for supplies, felt

Motion passed with 100% voting in favour

* In school junior volleyball tournament coming up
* Choir will be performing at the schools Remembrance Day ceremony as well as in Mansfield at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day
* Children from grades 1-7 will be attending Pinocchio
* Primrose Roar first issue went out with great excitement and success

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Colleen was absent this evening, but emailed information if needed
* No major changes to the accounts or budget to note

**Other Business**

* Parent Social being held Thursday, November 15 in the gym from 6-7:30pm
* There will be no agenda, more of a meet and greet to encourage open communication and parent participation
* Music to be organized by Bradley
* Big Red and the smoothie bike will be on display
* Polls on Facebook received about 50 votes, plan in place to provide feedback and follow up of the outcome of these polls back to the parents
* Suggestions made for other ways to get polls answered and feedback – email, Survey Monkey, etc. Barrier of email address access
* Twitter account has been set up @councilprimrose
* Suggestion box in the school in order for students to make suggestions, have their thoughts heard – Ms. Anderson has been asked to make the box with students, Puma PAC to check the box and report back the information gathered
* Breakfast with Santa planning is going well. More volunteers needed. Santa will be at BWS from 9-11:30am. Dave Omeara and son will be setting up Hydro. Kelly T will be providing catering services. Adelle is organizing the vendors for this event. A larger, more detailed volunteer sign up will be on display in the school soon
* Spirit wear stock is very limited, possibility of not having it for sale at BWS for this reason
* Volunteers needed for salad bar. 9am-12/1pm. Prep and replenishing, possibly grocery shopping. Will be running approximately every other Thursday.
* Popcorn set to go live for ordering. Price increased by $0.50 per bag. Funds going towards busing for different groups in the school, ie. track team to track meets.
* New Fundraising – poinsettias through Bradford Greenhouses. Orders must be in by November 23. Proposed delivery the day before BWS so parents can pick up at the event. If possible, delivery on Thursday in order for parents to pick up at interviews Friday or BWS Saturday. More details to follow as to location of pick up for parents (ensuring they are out of the way of BWS as well as interviews) as well as colours and items being offered. Leslie to be asked to put this online once details are confirmed.
* Possibility of a hot lunch provider – Temple Nutrition (only able to provide cold options) and Lunches Made Easy have provided information, Simply Pasta also an option. Cost is a large factor. Timing of delivery and ways to keep warm or cool also something to keep in mind. Labelled thermal bags ideal for ease of delivery. Eco-friendly options. Enhancing lunch options while meeting PP150 guidelines is a priority.
* Mabel’s Labels is up and running with Primrose as a school option for fundraising
* Idea of a Spring Fling event – Garage sale/Bring and Buy put on by the kids. BBQ. Do not want to interfere with Eco Arts. Things to remember when coming up with a spring date – Eco Arts, class end of year field trips, EQAO testing
* Need for a list of all of the programs in the school that council funds in order to know the cost overall, ie. Teachers allotment, Scientists in the School, Farmers in the School (Fresh From Farm fundraiser supports this), etc.
* Playground/Tarmac Improvements – All are in agreeance that improvements are needed. With the increase in school population, addition of portables and parking on the tarmac, there is less room for students outside. There is a need to create more usable, improved space for ‘tarmac’ recess. Ball diamond is accessible during tarmac recess. The reasons for tarmac recess include injury due to slipping, wet/dirty clothing from playing on wet grass, wet grass due to poor drainage and a spongy yard. Storm pond is being looked at. When looking at options, things to consider include accessibility, drainage, environmental impact of materials used, site plan amendments, etc. Lengthy and costly process. There is a Board Improvement Plan in place. Council is interested in starting to pursue grants and corporate sponsorship, but wants to ensure the right steps are taken. More information on how to start is needed. A plan of what is wanted to improve the area is needed. Possibility to complete this in stages? Suggestion made to speak to council members/parents who worked on the outdoor classroom for insight into what might be needed. It was agreed that a committee would be formed to move this forward.
* Volunteers are needed for the breakfast program – dishes to be done once bins are returned to the kitchen. Kids are provided one grain, one dairy and one fruit currently in the bins

\***Next meeting set for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00pm**\*