School Council

Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2022

**Opening:**

Karen Kennedy called the virtual meeting to order at 6:35 PM

**Present:**

Marianne Millsap – Principal

Ashley Hopkins- Vice Principal Karen Kennedy – Co-Chair

Carly Ferris – Co-Chair

Amber Gallaugher – Vice-Chair

Colleen Kee-Treasurer

Melissa Irwin-Secretary

Jennifer Robertson-Teacher Rep

Annalea Kidd

Kathleen Roper

Amy Ouchterlony

**Welcome:**

Karen Kennedy welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

**Principal’s Report:**

Marianne began with a huge thanks to the School Council members and Eco Moms for their hard work this year! She said her recent email to the school community included a lot of dates for a busy June. She told the Jump Rope for Heart day is June 20th with a rain date for the following day. No fundraising is required, but there will be an option to donate on School Cash Online.

Report cards will be made available for downloading and printing on June 23rd. Hard copies of reports will be made available for families who need them.

The calendar on the website hasn’t been working correctly and is in the process of being fixed. A comment was made that the meeting minutes could not be accessed on the website unless you are signed in under a child’s name. Marianne said she would look into it as well.

A new portable will be coming on Friday and placed along the fence on the tarmac. The work takes a couple of hours, and Marianne requested the Board to arrive between 9 AM and 11 AM to avoid disruption to recess. (The placing of the new portable was postponed not to disrupt the school day)

In line with speaking of the new year, Marianne suggested planning the council meetings for the next school year to give people plenty of notice to attend. September 22nd has been chosen as a tentative “Meet the Teacher Night.” Marianne said Council could decide if they wanted to use the opportunity to do a BBQ.

Marianne finished by sharing her appreciation for the parents' support over the school year.

**Teacher’s Report:**

Jennifer told everyone how the staff were happy about the BBQ and the opportunity to have parents come to the school.

The staff is looking closely into helping many students with IEPs succeed next year. They are also seeing testing results of the pandemic.

Students in grades three and six have been working n the EQAO testing. Jennifer wanted to send out a thank you to the scribes assisting some students in the testing. The kids were a little nervous, but the helpers were wonderful and positive.

Jennifer sadly reported that during the BBQ, some items at the book fair were stolen and damaged.

There are talks of organizing a farewell assembly near the end of the school year. Our school has grown so much that we think two assemblies are needed.

Jennifer let us know the kids are so thankful for the water stations. They are happy to have good water to drink and the ability to fill their water bottles.

Amber sent out a thank you to all the teachers who stayed for the BBQ. Parents were happy to see the teachers, and the kids were proud to show them off!

Marianne mentioned that some teachers are leaving and new ones are coming. She will send out an email with more information.

Jennifer said teachers discussed class placements for next year, and they feel balanced. Teachers tried to ensure students were placed according to academic needs and relationships.

Jennifer finished by thanking Annalea and Bonnita(Mrs. Willamson’s mother) for the beautiful flower beds and urns at the entrance to the school.

**Treasurer’s Report: Colleen**

Colleen thanked everyone for their efforts this year to raise a good amount of money in such a short amount of time! She shared her latest report with Council before the meeting. Collen said she is thankful we could pay for FTP for next year. She mentioned that final reports are coming, but things are looking good overall.

Colleen gave the approximate amounts for fundraising as of the end of May:

Pizza-$7000

Big Box of Cards-$3300

Hot Dog Day-$875

Poinsettias-$2131.49

Bottle Drive-$2600

Maple Grove Pumpkin Patch-$1600

Mulmur Township Grant-$500

Orangeville Crhysler Donation-$1000

MacMaster Buick GMC Donation-$1000

BBQ Social-$1287

Kidd Family Auctions Donation-$2100

Karen took a moment to share that Pizza has been great this year and worked out well. She also spoke about Pasta. Although the pasta was a great service, the margin for raising funds wasn’t large, and we ended up breaking even or a shortage of around $50. Regardless, we are proud of our efforts.

Karen also let us know that the Parent Involvement money provided a way to purchase a BBQ for the school. A parent came out to assemble the BBQ on the day of the social.

**Eco-Schools Club Update-Ashley**

Ashley let everyone know that our final plan was submitted with 110 points, and we should get Platinum Status. She sent a huge thank you to the Eco Moms, who provided a fantastic team effort this year! She will send out the results when she receives them. The waste audit will be done the week of June 20th.

**Other Business:**

Playground Fundraising- Amber

We have raised about $30k for the playground, and $13k has been raised this year. Amber spoke on a couple of donations from Orangeville Chrysler, and McMaster Buick GMC donated $1000 to the playground. We will send thank you cards to both businesses. The Playground construction should start in July. Parents can give donations to the playground through School Cash Online, and anything over $20 will receive a tax receipt.

MYC Media (sign company of Primrose parent) donated a thermometer to showcase funds raised as well as donated signs for the BBQ Social. A huge thank you to them and everyone who contributed to the BBQ.

**Q&A and Discussion**

A parent in attendance asked if the school had a tornado plan. Marianne answered yes; drills must be done throughout the year. The school does a “safety week” and lets families know ahead of time that the drills are happening. Teachers go with their classes on the road. Our evacuation area is Super Burger then we are bussed to Cetennial Highlands with an OPP escort.

There was a similar discussion on buses being cancelled for a snowstorm in the afternoon. In the past, parents have come to pick up children. There hasn’t been a situation where we needed to have students remain at the school. If that were the case, we would have help from the OPP. Marianne also mentioned the Board is no longer connected with an OPP officer; however, we have a designated officer for communication.

There was a question regarding the engineers' timeline on the drinking water issues. Marianne said a group came to the school, but she has not heard back yet. She will reach out with more information when she receives more.

There was also a discussion on the plumbing/toilet issues. Marianne said the pressure tank was fixed, and she was taught how to reset the GFI if it happens again. It was also discussed that with the age of the plumbing and septic at the school, things would need to be replaced. There is some concern among all students returning next year about how it will affect the septic system. Marianne will ask the Board about these things and keep us posted.

Q: Will Breakfast Program go back to volunteers next year?

A: Yes, we can chat about this over the summer or fall. Since things are opening up again, more options can be explored. The salad bar can also return, but with the influx of students, we may need to split it into two days.

Record checks have moved online through the OPP and must be updated every six months.

The meeting was finished off with a clap-out for our Treasurer, Colleen! She was celebrated for her fantastic contribution to the School Council for many years! Thank you, Colleen; you will be missed!

**Adjournment:**

Karen Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting:

Minutes Submitted By: Melissa Irwin

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.