

# MINUTES

## Ross R Mackay Public School

*Date | time* 2/7/2018 12:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Beth Gregory

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### In Attendance

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Beth Gregory, Chris Collins, Tracy Armstrong, Sarah Lawson, Paula Wall

Regrets: Linda Campbell

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### Approval of Minutes

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Minutes Approval. Tracy will post Previous Minutes on RRM website under Parent Council section.

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### Principals Report

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See Attached

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### Treasurer's Report

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A list of Current Categories & Balances of School Council Accounts has been provided.

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### Breakfast Club/Snack Program

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Snack Program has been running smoothly.

We will be running a mandatory fundraiser for Food & Friends. All money raised comes back to our school. Kids will be encouraged to bring in a toonie or a food donation for the snack program the week leading up to March 2. For every contribution they receive a paper hat that they put their name on and stick to the display. All kids who have a hat on the board can wear a crazy hat to school on March 2.

Linda will do up the bulletin board to advertise the event and distribute the supplies to each classroom. There is an online donation portion that we can post to Facebook to try to get online donations. Linda will send to Paula.

- Paula will make the Hats for the display board.

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### Family Literacy Night Pro's / Con's

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- From our \$500 PIC Grant, we spent the following:
  - Food – \$60.36
  - Game Supplies/Prizes/Colour Handbooks/Posters - \$105.23
  - Books – \$127.03
  - \$200 - will be given to the library to spend at the book fair.

It was a fairly good turnout for our first event. It was great to have the sign-up sheet so we could gauge numbers. It is felt that we should incorporate a sign-up sheet into all our events so we don't overspend.

Pros ~ Time was good, enough activities, families seemed to enjoy, teacher participation

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## Discussion of Fundraisers to boost our reserves for this year

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- Almonds – Concerns about transporting on buses. Re: Nut Allergies
  - Also concerns over saturating the market as there are a lot of groups that do this as a fundraiser.
- Lunch Lady – Tracy will ask around about this program
- Elmira Chicken – Earn \$5 per box
- McMillan's
- Gift Cards ~ Fall / Christmas Time
- Farm to Table ~ Spring

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## Upcoming Events

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### **Mrs. Donovan's Class Treat**

- Mrs. Donovan's Class won the Food Bank challenge back in December and School Council agreed to supply a class treat. Beth and Linda will be providing cookies and milk to each student in the class on Thursday, February 8.

### **Jump 2 Math Night**

- We had an issue with the original date (Jump 2 Math was already booked), therefore we have moved the event to Monday, April 30 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Unfortunately, this was the only date that the vendor had available in April. Everything is booked and the deposit will be sent in shortly.
- Jump 2 Math is being paid from our PRO Grant, which is \$950.00. The total cost of the event comes to \$959.37 with taxes so Council will have to contribute the additional \$9.37. Beth and I thought that it would be nice to have a paid Snack Bar that night to provide drinks and energy for the kids and parents. Since this event will take place in the gym, it can easily be run and contained. Thoughts for what we should sell and price points are needed!
- Jump2Math states that they require about 10 volunteers on the floor but I think we can get away with fewer because of our low numbers.
- Jump 2 Math provides their own poster, we simply have to print them out and include the dates and times. It will be easy to promote this in the school and the mailbags!
- Chris will create an on-line sign up again.
- We will discuss jobs at the next meeting

### **Easter**

- Easter is at the end of March this year. We discussed (via group text) having a Pancake, Fruit Kebab and Milk lunch for \$5.00 per child and having the Easter Bunny (aka – me) going from class to class with a basket of chocolate eggs as a little treat. If we can run this event the Thursday before Good Friday that would be great. We need volunteers to do the following:
- Make the poster announcing the event (must be able to be posted online and printed)
- Volunteers on-site at the school the day before to make fruit kebabs (washing, chopping and assembling onto skewers) ~ **Beth & Chris to cook Pancakes, Linda & Rebecca to make Kebabs, Sarah will do the Costco Run**
- Volunteers to cook the pancakes and distribute the lunches to each classroom.
- We should have enough plastic cutlery and napkins at school. We also have a full bag of pancake mix that just requires water.
- Linda has already volunteered to be the Easter Bunny.

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## Yearbooks

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- Yearbooks go over very well each year and provide the graduating class with a keepsake for their last year at Ross R. However, it is a very labour intensive process.
- Thoughts about a Yearbook Committee at school? The students would need to be comfortable using Microsoft Word, the templates are done, they simply have to input the new photo's. If we do get student involvement Linda would need one other volunteer to help quality check the work, get them the proper pictures, etc.
- Tracy has offered to take over the yearbook.

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## Next Meeting

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Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.