

MINUTES

Ross R Mackay Public School

Date | time 10/3/2018 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Beth Gregory and Rebecca Chalmers

In Attendance

Beth Gregory, Rebecca Chalmers, Chris Collins, Iolanda Collins, Angela Jansa, Tracy Armstrong, Wendy McFadyen

Approval of Minutes

No previous minutes, first meeting of the school.

Principals Report

Principal provided report on classes being settled. No reorganization. Currently school enrollment is at 81 students. EQAO results were also provided. Reading results are in accordance with board and province and math results are still a concern but this also seems to be in accordance to board and provincial trends. Holiday Concert has been scheduled for Thursday, December 20th by staff. Principal thanks staff for their continued commitment to the school community, especially with their support of a number of extra-curricular activities. Thanks to members of parents council for volunteering their time and energy for this school year,

Principal's report is attached.

Treasurer's Report

Beth Gregory presented details of Council's financials for the beginning of this term. Current account is \$2,819.82. Beth and Rebecca have provided an account that clearly shows Opening Balance, Income, Expenses and Profit/Loss, Open House fundraising and recent donation from Jeff Duncan of \$250.00. Treasurers remind Council that funds are still needed to cover \$1200 for playground (if needed), \$500 for the trip to Mansfield and Grad cake. Treasurers also discussed licenses for SmartBoards and whether these were 1 year licenses and in need of renewal or if they were three year licenses. For further details see attached.

Fundraising

Fundraising events have been scheduled for the school year. Council's efforts will focus on the following events:

- Bi-weekly hotdogs Days for students at lunch (November 6th and 20th, December 4th and 18th, January 8th and 22nd) Hotdog order forms have already gone out to school community.
- Halloween Dance on October 31 (Kindergartens at 2pm and remainder of school at 2:30) Snack bar items will be available for purchase and students gather donations from family on pledge forms.
- Valentine's Day Bake sale on February 14th during both nutrition breaks (Request for goods on January 31 and baked goods brought to the school by February 12)
- Easter Pancake Lunch on April 18 during 2nd nutritional break with Easter Bunny in attendance(\$4.00 for 2 pancakes and an apple)

Grant Proposals completed by Beth Gregory and Rebecca Chalmers

- completion of Town of Erin Community Grant is ongoing
- video presentation by Beth Gregory regarding a garden tower for the school
- administration approved the project
- grant being prepared and submitted to Juice Plus

General Concerns

Agendas and Communication

- Council expressed parent community concern about a lack of a standard form of communication with teachers
- Principal suggested staff board email so Council can directly communicate information and reminders to teachers
- Parent community concern regarding requests for payment for agendas when agendas are at times not used or have been told payment is voluntary

Front Door

- When students are watching the office during Office Coordinator's breaks front doors should be locked
- Student office volunteers will need to get an adult to open front doors if a parent arrives at the school between 10:35 - 11:20 and 1:00 - 1:45
- Principal to communicate concern to staff

Room 14

- Door lock has been fixed
- Had found it open but more recently the door has been locked
- Principal to remind staff about the importance of keeping the door locked

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in school library.