

Sept. 27, 2016 Minutes for SAC

In attendance: Jocelyn Perry, Kathleen Vukovics, Hilary Abbey, Sue Di Teodoro, Lisa Birmingham, Stacey Vukovics, Jeremy Thorpe, Elsa Pihl, Katie Engel, Patty Jones, Brooke Froese  
Unable to attend: Amanda Hill, Amanda Hicks, Erin Haywood, Julie Rubel, Janette Thorpe, Denise Ziegler

Amanda Hill will no longer be able to be part of council. We will need to find a new Secretary. Elsa will take minutes in the mean time.

Erin Haywood will also not be able to be a part of council. We will need to find a new Financial

Unfortunately there was no childcare because of miscommunication with Amanda. Hilary will follow up for future meetings. Lisa was able to get her kids to watch the younger ones. Thanks Lisa!

#### Principal's Report:

Hilary briefly went over the council's job and commitment.

She showed us a slideshow that highlighted the new "I matter." strategic plan and gave an overview of what the plan entailed. This plan will take us to 2020.

Each council member was given a pocket guide with the information. As well as an apple notepad and pen as a thank you.

Question brought up about what hashtags are for on twitter. We will investigate the possibility of an after school workshop for parents to learn more about twitter. Hilary will touch base with Forest Kenney about this.

#### Staff Report:

All staff Gr. 1-8 are going to be in charge of action team throughout the school - students will be able to be on an action team and participate (sign up). Place for every child. Not necessarily long term commitment. ie/ decorating for holidays, technology, green team, assemblies, guest relations.

Could we do similar action teams for parent council - instead of everyone coming every meeting, perhaps smaller teams i.e./ pumpkinville to meet outside of council to help with that event.

Suggestion put forth that it would be better to request volunteers with specific skills for events as opposed to blank newsletter request.

Hilary to draft a letter regarding parents willing to be contacted for volunteering and the best method to be contacted. Council members were given the option to be listed as classroom reps with contact information.

Brooke suggested Minutes posted to Facebook for more access.

Kate brought up using Remind App - had used at a previous school. The app sends reminders in the form of text messages for newsletters, events, etc. Hilary will investigate.

Jocelyn reminded that if you eat at Montanas, stick receipt in birdhouse and 10% of meal goes to Port Weller.

Joselyn gave a Winter wonderland overview. Proposed that Montana's money could go towards shopping table. She will get total dollars received later for budget keeping.

Joselyn gave Pumpkinville overview. Oct. 15. - Port Weller is only school with bake table. Also sells pizza. Will try to see if Tim's will donate Hot chocolate. Passed around newsletter that will be sent to parents. Passed around volunteer sign up.

Popcorn machine. Parent brought up allergy concern with coconut oil. Post sign "made with coconut oil" for future events. Buy Canola oil in future.

Hilary will thank all volunteers for open house.

Hilary wondering how to share the parent council work with staff.

Breakfast club update:

Looking for a room with a sink to use, Mrs. Favotte's room available. They are still in need of volunteers - not enough to run it yet. Volunteers can just come one day a week - 8-8:45. Parent volunteers could bring other little ones with.

Freshco and No frills both want to be involved in Breakfast club.

Next meeting Tues. Oct. 25 at 6pm. We will need a financial update then.