

Minutes of School Council Meeting: September 26, 2017

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Attendees: Brooke, Cynthia, Patti, Jocelyn, Krista, Lisa, Scott Enns, Alison, Elizabeth, Ms. DT, Kate, Jenny, Kathleen, Elsa, Mr. Thorpe, Stephanie and Jonathan, Brian, Chantel, Mr. Dyck

Welcome, Introductions

- Role of School Council – Be representation of parents and the community. Give suggestions, get involved in the school. SC can have a say in school policies, fundraising, school action plans.
- Mr. Enns hopes you feel welcome, has best interest of our kids at heart at all times. Sees SC as a partnership, brainstorm ideas, practices. The hope is that we will tell people about what we are doing, and share information.
- Hoping the focus can be on academics as well as fundraising. Open to calls and meetings anytime, wants everyone to feel welcome.

Principal's Report

- Academic focus is on mathematics.
- EQAO results will be sent home for kids currently in grade 4 and 7 who were tested last year.
- Homeroom teachers will get professional development in mathematics.
- Fire Alarms, there will be 3 before Christmas.
- Student Action Teams – there will be 11 action teams this year. Kids in Grade 1 to 8 will participate in an action team.
- Extracurricular – track and field
- Parent Involvement Conference. Register on the DSBN website. There will be two workshops and dinner as well as fundraising booths.
- Communication – newsletter will always be emailed and hard copies will be at the office. School website. School sign. Twitter. School Cash online. Permission forms can be placed on School Cash Online as well. Synervoice. In addition, every classroom will have their own communication methods.
- School Council will not be a place where specific individuals are discussed.

Financial Report

Last year SAC raised approximately \$27,000 and spent \$25,000. Some of the larger items purchased were the projector for the gym, Leader in Me materials and microscopes. Our larger fundraisers are Open House and Silent Auction, Winter Wonderland and Pumpkinville. Passive fundraisers include the birdhouse at Montana's, Nevada pull tickets at That's Entertainment and Pizza lunches.

Breakfast Club

- Julie is confirming whether our volunteers will be returning this year. We have a few new folks who would like to help. New volunteers are always welcome.
- With the new bell times we will be providing supervision from 8:15 – 8:50 AM. Getting started after Thanksgiving.

Home Reading Program

- Kids from K-4 will get a book sent home at their level on a weekly basis. Commitment from volunteers is usually 1- 1 ½ hrs per week to read with students at school.

Sports/Club Uniforms

- Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Dyck gave a presentation about uniform purchases. Basketball uniforms were accepted at a 65% savings.
- SAC was presented with the Volleyball Uniform Design for discussion.

Fundraising Request from Primary Classes

- The primary classes would like a sandbox. It would cost approximately \$300 and Ms. Gracey would build it.
- SC members suggested that it be placed away from where the water collects in spring. SC members discussed different lid options. There are also options for sand that would prevent animals from being attracted to it. Stephanie will provide input on the sand and lid.
- Kindergarten would also like to do a Mabel's Labels order open to all school families.

Open House/Silent Auction

- feedback from Magician was positive and made suggestions that smaller groups could participate over multiple times.
- 95 items were donated for the silent auction.
- Funds earned are approximately \$2,000, but this is not the final number.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

- Usually raises approximately \$6,000.
- Help is needed for counting money and organizing the distribution and collections. Please contact SC email if you can assist.

Happy Rolph's Pumpkinville

- We are the only school to have a bake sale table during Pumpkinville.
- Newsletter will go home in the next week.

- Time volunteers and donations are needed – please look for newsletter or contact SC email if you can assist.

Pizza Lunches

- Volunteers are needed for pizza lunch days.
- Time commitment is 12:30 to 1:00 PM on the pizza day. Please contact SC email if you can assist.

General Notes

- This will be Elsa's last meeting as Chair. Patti and Jocelyn have offered to take over as co-chair. A huge thanks to Elsa for all of your hard work and to Patti and Jocelyn for taking over as co-chairs.
- Kathleen will stay on as secretary.
- Katie will manage financials.
- Mad Science would like to run their program during the breaks.
- The Co-chairs of the SAC will be the one window for emails.

Next Meeting

- SAC meetings are generally the 4th Tuesday of every month.
- Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2017.