



Alpine School Council Agenda

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the library

Present: Rita Givlin, Lea Becker, April Cousineau, Mandy Clarke, Jessica Beaucage, Jen Smerek, Judy Oake, Nicole Johnson, Sasha Cvetkovic,

Regrets:, Nancy Williamson, Dawn Koehler, Donald Mann, Melissa Coles, Tricia Valente

Introducing: Erin Young, Community Resource Support worker from Carizon

- Several of our families are connected with this resource; we continue to connect more as needs arise; referral is made by principal with approval of social worker and psychologist on our school's multidisciplinary team (MDT)
- Listening ear and connection to community supports are greatly valued
- 2 coffee connections have been offered for parents to discuss strategies for dealing with temper or to learn about the Tools for Life program; low attendance but valued by participants who did come
- Parents can self-refer - just contact Rita; your discussions with Erin are private and will not be shared with the school without your permission
- Parenting issues, dealing with agencies such as FCS or court, providing necessities such as food and clothing, accessing community resources such as summer camp etc
- Erin is at school on Tuesday mornings but evening or alternate dates or locations are available as well
- Erin will look for evening resources or sessions and we can consider offering an evening one here

Admin Report

- **Report cards** went home Feb. 17. All parents are asked to return comment section. The new report for kindergarten students was very well done by our kindergarten teaching staff. Parents wishing to discuss the report are asked to contact their child's teacher directly.
- **Family Breakfast** represents the amazing sense of teamwork in our school. Thanks to Mrs. Lawson for her leadership and to the many staff members who supported. The staff loved seeing students and parents in this informal setting and are always grateful to parents who are able to attend. We are very appreciative that our Superintendent Ron DeBoer also attended and had the opportunity to meet some parents and students.
- **Instagram** - Alpine is now on Instagram @alpinepublicschool. Pictures from grade 6 camp and the Family Breakfast have been posted as well as daily photos. We will continue to use Twitter and SchoolDay but the advantages to using Instagram include that all Alpine pictures are together and it reaches a different audience (we believe more students and parents use Instagram and in our first few weeks we have more than 50 followers). Our goal is to share school news and to provide a positive digital role model for our students. Instagram is for users age 13 and over so the school will

not follow students as our students are not of the correct age.

- **Staff Updates:** Tamara Krall is back in K2, while Courtney Eidt is away Carrie Kraehling is now doing the afternoon extended day to help minimize changes for the students. Alanna Schedler has resigned so we will be posting for another EA.
- We recently conducted **class reviews** to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students the best we are able. One issue is attendance in kindergarten; some students have high absentee rates which impacts learning. Ms Givlin recently completed an attendance audit and contacted families as necessary and will continue to monitor.
- We are fortunate to have our **LST**, Virginia Baechler, for the second term as well. Virginia is at Alpine most Tuesdays and works in classrooms with teachers to assess student learning and support in planning just right next steps to foster growth.

School Council Financial Update

- We have applied for a ministry grant to help pay for grade 6 camp as has happened in the last few years and should find out at the end of March if our application was successful. However, this is the last year that grant will be available. This year students paid \$40 and the original cost per student was \$190; however 5 students did not attend raising the cost per child to approximately \$230. **We are asking School Council to consider supporting the camp trip again in the future.**
- The school is funding \$10 per student this year towards off-campus excursions.
- Rita has also submitted grant proposals to WEFI and the Rotary Club to seek additional funds.
- Grade 6 staff and students run pizza sales with all proceeds going to off-campus trips.

Balance Forward	7668.22
MacMillan's Late Order	-21.00
Current Balance	7647.22

Fundraising

Stemmler's Meats

- April 6-18, 2017, pick-up April 27, 2017 - Lea will look for letter sample, Nicole will work on brochure,

Fun Fair

- June 15, 2017 - map needed, passport includes stamp for silent auction, prepay for tickets, tickets should be for items, accept cash at bake sale, game tickets are separate, M&M precooked for meat, Costco may also donate, donations are needed, Norwex - Rita, Nicole - steeped tea, Kitchener City Hall (swimming lessons), Bingemans Big Splash, Chicopee Tube Park, African Lion Safari, Limo Ride, MacMillan's, Stemmler's Meats, Lifetouch,
- Donation requested letter - Rita
- Face Painter
- Rent a game

- Check out another pizza supplier

Upcoming Events

- Movie Night, April 6, 2017
- Pick movie - Secret Life of Pets
- Advertise - ask for volunteers for baking and clean up, pizza, 5:30 p.m. movie starts at 6:00 p.m., bring chairs and water bottles, plates, baked good donations qualify for an additional prize ticket - Jessica
- Popcorn - Jessica will ask Matt
- Water - Jessica
- Prizes - movie passes from Costco - Jen
- Check distribution rights - Rita ✓done
- Garbage cans - we need at least 4-5 to assist with cleanup - Rita
- Volunteers - Bake sale - Jen and , Water, Pizza - Judy and , Front Door - April and Rita, Clean Up - all

Playground Enhancements

- Rita and Lori with the help of Krista Long submitted an application for trees to Evergreen. The application was multi-step with a February 10, 2017 deadline.
- Information received about applications for grants for trees for future reference. We will need to act on this earlier in the 2017-2018 school year.

Evergreen:

<https://www.evergreen.ca/get-involved/funding-opportunities/school-ground-grants/>

- there is typically a maximum amount per tree, but you can check with the grants team and inquire about the fast forest trees.

- deadline Feb 10th

- native trees only

Tree Canada: <https://treecanada.ca/en/programs/tree-our-nature/>

- deadline Feb 17th for the Tree our Nature grant

- they have a number of other grant programs as well

- native trees only, and I believe one needs to be a maple for this grant

- they do not specify size, but best to double check

Region of Waterloo Community Environmental Fund (closed now):

http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/aboutTheEnvironment/resources/2017_Community_Environmental_Fund_Application_Guideline.pdf

TD FEF usually has a grant program, but it is closed for this year:

<https://fef.td.com/funding/>

- As per the January council meeting Rita has arranged for Rob Seeley from WRDSB facility services to install the chain link fence and mini soccer poles in the spring that will be paid for by school council.
- The contact for the willows for the sand boxes is Jeff Thompson, Native Plant Source in Breslau, 519-748-2298. - Rita

Family Breakfast Feedback

- Continue, was enjoyed, loved crayons at table and flowers made by kindie friends, welcoming, well-organized

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools Update

- Washrooms have improved
- Pokemon issues have improved

Any Other Business?

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Next Meeting: April 26, 2017