

Alpine School Council Minutes



Wednesday, January 31, 2018

6:30 p.m. in room 13

Present:

April Cousineau, Jessica Beaucage, Donald Mann, Heike Koester, Mya Wijbenga-Groot, Mandy, Dawn Koehler, guest Laura Gillians, Rita Givlin, Svetlana Pletneva

1. Missed movie night - better planning for next time?

CoPlanners: Dawn and Mandy

Date: March 8, 2018

April to email movie contract

Student vote on movies

Rita to check cost per night

2. Playground Next Steps - guest Laura Gillians, distributor of Play equipment located in Waterloo and Co-Chair on the Playground committee for Westvale Public School whose committee was able to raise the funds for their project in 13 months and was successful at receiving the Enabling Accessibility Grant from the Federal Government.

3. Playground - application for City of Kitchener Grant

Need community support

Hone the details on the budget

Accessibility

Rita, Heike, Mya

Research on Canadian Tire Jumpstart Application - Heike, Mya

TD Evergreen - Rita

WEFI set-up playground fund - Rita

Playground Donation Letter - Rita

Reach out to parents who work for companies such as Manulife and Sunlife to request support from Financial Volunteer Awards

4. Playground - review new quotes and drawings

We like option 6 or 5 without monkey bars

5. Plan Dance-a-thon.

Leader - April, Mya

Purchase - glow sticks etc. Dawn

Sales of glow sticks etc. - ???

Pledge forms - on-line WEFI donations for tax receipts; Dawn

Music - DJ - Rachel will arrange and set up

Lights - April, Dawn, Mandy

Volunteers Needed - Rita will check with EA students, April will check with parents

Posters - Heike's class

Tweets - Mya

Principal's Report

Kindergarten Registration

- Please let your neighbours know we are accepting registrations for next year.

Staff Update

- We have welcomed back Mrs Abshoff-Millar to grade 3/4.
- Ms Dunbar has taken over in grades 1/2B for Mrs Thomas. Ms Dunbar will be in her role until the end of the school year as Mrs James has extended her leave with her family.

Learning at Alpine

- We continue to focus on weekly DreamBox usage with success. We would like more students to take advantage of this at home - the ones who are taking advantage are making great gains.
- Teachers are currently writing report cards which will go home February 16, 2018. Our goal is to provide meaningful feedback celebrating learning, acknowledging challenges and planning next steps.
- We are working hard to prepare our students to do well on the upcoming Primary and Junior EQAO assessments in May. Staff are involved in both central training and site based PD as we work together. Our current focus is on explicit teaching of strategies to increase student ability to read, understand and respond to complex questions.
- Students in our ELI and Empower groups are making very positive gains.
- We continue to provide in-class math support to support our students in grades 3 and will be meeting to discuss our next steps (e.g., supporting grade 6 students).

Extracurricular Activities

- We are grateful to staff for the beach volleyball and chess opportunities.

Safety

- Parents are reminded not to use the parking lot for drop off and pick up.

Upcoming Dates

- Please refer to the Alpine Calendar at alp.wrdsb.ca

6. Financial Report

Balance Forward	\$11218.93
MacMillan's Fundraiser	\$2448.25
Sing Movie Night	\$357.78
Total Funds	\$14024.96

Parents need to understand that our goal for the playground is approximately \$40-45000. 100% of school council fundraisers this year are going to support the playground initiative.

7. Any Other Business

Alpine's 2017-2018 School Council

Co-Chairs: Jessica Beaucage, April Cousineau

Secretary: Rita Givlin (position available)

Parent Representatives: Amanda Galway, Jen Smerek, Pam Martinez, Svetlana Pletneva, Pauline Schafer, Jennifer McCuaig, Allana Barry, Jennifer Drimmie, Amy Lauriault, Sasa Cvetkovic, Mandy, Dawn Koehler

Bulletin Board: Jennifer Drimmie

Facebook Page/Twitter/Instagram: Amy Lauriault

Principal: Rita Givlin

Teaching Staff: Lea Becker, Heike Koester

Non-Teaching Staff: Marjolein Wijbenga-Groot

Treasurer: Sherry Mahone, Lori Crewe

New members always welcome!