

School Council Agenda

Monday, March 4th, 2019

6:30pm - J. F. Carmichael Library

Minutes:

Attendance: Anna Maste, Sandra Orton, Melissa Y., Stephanie Brubacher, Aimee Polevoy, Charity Friesen, Sarah Kennedy, April Trink, Calem (Jack's Mom), Jackie Barr, Ula, Ashley, T. Scott (VP), Coosje Weber (Acting Principal for the month of March)

Regrets:

Welcome and Greetings

Updates and Business:

1. Finances Summary:

Nothing has changed

Our big fundraising push in Sept/Oct chocolate bars

Budgeting has been done at this point

Money goes to: busses for field trips for each class, home reading program, PALS, Kodai choir, in-class bikes, Bucket-ball, basketball courts, AV equipment in the gym, chrome books, teachers' requests...things that benefit everyone in the school,

All the money is in, all the money is allocated, nobody has really spent their money yet, except Mme Orchard who spent the PALS money, which is a positive thing.

2. Event planning:

- a) Math Night: We've been approved for \$1,000 of funding. Mme. Colaiezzi has agreed to run it. Anna and Mme. Colaiezzi have already met about it. Mme. Colaiezzi has lots of ideas, and will do all the staff leading that is required.

Date chosen: Thursday, April 25th, after school, same as last year.

Council has agreed to be responsible for getting refreshments, snacks & juice, and door prizes, (math/board games kind of things) Mme. Colaiezzi still has about 100 from last year, but we'll buy a few more things to add to them. We'll make some buttons for the kids to go home with, from the advertising budget, to advertise it is coming up.

Volunteers for: organizing refreshments; Jackie can, Anna will connect with Jackie later.

Prizes, Sarah will pick up board games, school will provide a letter to try to get a discount or some freebies;

Melissa will pick up the calculators and boxes of smarties to add to the take-home bags;

Anna will do the buttons, what about temporary tattoos? (schooltattoos.ca);

Send a flyer home with a note that says "bring this with you to the math night to get a...(insert chance to win something here)";

Talk to Mill Courtland community centre running coding and Lego courses, connect with them to see if they're interested in coming on Math night, Mrs. Weber, will call Sandy Curry about this.

The day of the event, anybody interested in helping out, running a station, helping with an activity, etc., Jackie can come by 3:50, Stephanie B., Calem, Ula, Melissa Y.

End time of the math night, 5:30 for sure.

b) Movie Night – Friday, April 5th

Only pre-release that age appropriate is Peter Rabbit, comes out on May 1st, 2019.

Volunteers:

Stephanie B will make up a flyer to send out to families.

Volunteer show up at 6, doors open at 6:15, Movie starts at 6:30.

Parents must be here, or kids cannot stay.

c) Book Swap: there is enthusiasm for this event

Wednesday May 15th at 3:20pm – 4pm (long weekend is May 20th)

Need a volunteer to pick up the books at Talize, this person goes 4-6 weeks in a row: Sarah volunteered, 3rd time in a row!!

School needs to get the rented tables, big tables = 16, or 30 small ones

If dropping off books, ahead of time please send them to school with the kids and Penny in the office will keep them for us.

d) Fundraising talk – chocolate bars work. Council will keep on with this. We used to run a secondary fundraiser, treasures books, Mable's Labels, helped to show that we had a non-chocolate option. We don't necessarily need a second option though; we give people the option of opting out, or making a donation instead of taking a box of chocolates.

Comment – it's too short a time-frame, the time to sell the chocolates. It's about 2 weeks. And it's the weekends after Thanksgiving, we've had issues with getting the chocolates in years past due to the weather being too hot. We are all in favour of continuing.

e) We spend \$20K - \$23K per year over our budget for Nutrition for

Learning, Toonies for Tummies, and candy-grams fund this program

Mrs. Lowens Me to We group/ Leadership club – did they donate?

Maybe an email could go out to get people to the web page to donate there.

Bake sale, cake auction, T. will speak to the Leadership group to see if there's anything they can help. April will be back in April.

Popcorn sales on Fridays donate as well (Me to We). This group brings in extra money, so maybe they will donate to Nutrition to Learning.

Classroom competition? Bring in your spare change – can we raise as much as a food box weighs?

Cobbs bakery – Stephanie signed up our school for their once a week donation of day-old bread, which helps offset our grain needs, and helps keep the costs down.

Food for Kids, was created by Kelly-Sue who saw a need for kids who would go home and not have access to food over the weekend time frame. They are servicing 500 students now, and have a wait-list of over 2500 kids to get this program.

Committee Updates:

Home reading: the library will be renovated over the summer!

Nutrition for Learning can give apple boxes to pack the books.

Home reading will end a bit early this year because all the books have to be packed up before June 1st, so at the end of May.

Will need extra volunteers in May to pack and do inventory of the books during the day/once the bell has rung at the end of the day.

Will need extra volunteers in October to unpack, reorganize and put everything back out nicely. Hopefully will be all the same people so they are familiar with the books and the system.

The whole library will be packed too, so we need Home Reading done without being in the way of the library staff while they are packing

3. Vice-Principal's report:

Library is being renovated. June – October we will not have access to the library.

The other renovation will be putting in new windows in the classrooms, to make our building more energy efficient, because they are also putting in air conditioning.

Busy few months coming up:

This Wednesday is grade 6 camp meeting

March 8th is the anthem singing at the Rangers game

Math club has started afterschool, getting extra support – Cariboo math, doing the math contest and getting extra math help.

Is this a by invitation math club for extra support? Or can you volunteer to come?

Tuesdays in room 19

Grade 3s and 4s going to the ROM this week.

Dance-a-thon is on Friday. Cost is 1\$ to get in, and 1\$ for a glow stick.

Changes in staffing: Mme. Colaiezzi coming back full time after March break.

This means Mme. Dawson will move back to her role as a Spec. Ed teacher, and as a French immersion planning role.

So Mme. Goodyear will be leaving.

Mme. McDonough is retiring. We usually get retirement gifts for outgoing teachers.

We will get something, \$50/retiring. Local artist that draws public buildings, has done JF Carmichael, and Anna will get one for her.

Mme. McDonough doesn't want a big show. She's being quiet about it. She does not want to be in the spotlight.

Because of this, the school hired a brand new French immersion teacher. She has taught both FI and core French, so she has lots of great experience.

Leah Jutzi will start April 1st. Welcome!

What's on your mind?

Are class sizes going to be increasing, due to the Ontario government's policies? Will we know by September? JF Carmichael doesn't know. But this concern is shared by the board and the school. April 1st is the deadline to report who will be in this building by September 1st (next school year), so we have to send in this info by then. The board is saying that by March 15th they will give some direction. So we need people who are coming in to Kindergarten to register now, as these numbers will help the school and board figure out numbers.

Talked at the last meeting about having a focus at each school council meeting. One of the topics was EQAO testing. Bit of a loaded topic.

Some parents around this table have grade 3 kids, would it be of interest to know what to expect, or how to help your kid through it? Can we talk about that next month? School says yes. There are some great parent resources, and T. will bring some to next month's meeting.