

School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 19, 2013
Library 7:00 pm

Attendance: Taylor, Michelle, Jim, Andrea, Madame, Heather, Corey, Sandy, Kelly, Heidi, Trevor, Karen, Julie, Leslie, Marlene, Kerri, Peter

Minutes of Last Meeting: no questions/comments

School News: Peter

- Character development assembly: perseverance
- On-going site meetings: renovations - Monday get into the Dev Ed room
- Wendy and Peter attended a French as a Second Language workshop
- Progress Reports came out
- Heidi and Peter attended the Safe Schools conference
- Remembrance Day assembly: how animals were used in different roles in wars
- Anti-bullying presentation for Juniors, with Constable from WRPS
- Anti-bullying awareness assembly - focused on student voice
- We Day Waterloo: tomorrow, juniors will watch in the gym, can watch the live feed in classrooms as well
- Beyond Behaviour Management: strategies on supporting students and their behaviours, what it takes to build confident, resilient students

Wish List & Budget: Andrea & Jim

- See notes in presentation
- Corey to follow up on Bingo spending
- Form sub-committees (communications, technology, fundraising, etc.)

Fundraising Initiatives & Special Events: Kelly and Sandy

- Cornfest at the Preston Market
- Chocolate bars
- Pepperettes
- Little Caesar's Pizza "little kits"
- Appleby's
- Boston Pizza
- Chapters
- Fundraising committee to meet in December to plan the rest of the year and report back to Council
- Toyota Grant
- Parents Reaching Out Grant (www.edu.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html)
- Other Grants

Candy Land Update: Sandy

- Use kitchen at breakfast club
- Donations: coming to office
- Application filled out for Target (give up to \$250)

Bingo Training Sessions: Corey

- Sign-up sheet for January passed around

Lunch Program: Lee Ann

- No money back yet (Jim) - Lee Ann to get info on profit margin
- Pizza: do kids like it? Not really. Look at Pizza Pizza (used by Grandview)
- Why is it twice a week? Use to be to accommodate for staggered kindergarten

Safe Schools Initiative: Heidi & Peter

- Keynote Speaker: John Morrison spoke about tolerance
- Keeping the link between parents and schools, close the gap, better use of planners
- Other ways to get parents involved (not only during meetings)
- Planning to meet 4 times a year
- Look at data received from students at another meeting (spring)
- Look into telephone communication/email blasts (Peter)
- Can we have a Facebook page? (closed group for parents) Corey to set up

New Business

- Babysitting at council is available (let the office know by the Friday before the meeting)
- Renovation celebration? (school-wide event)
- EQAO update/details requested

Adjournment

*** All members of the Preston Public School Community are welcome at School Council Meetings. You do not need to be an elected or nominated member to attend. Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to attend! Babysitting is available- Please call the school in advance to let us know if you require child care ***