**Saginaw School Council Minutes**

**October 24, 2016**

**Attendees:** Erin Bell, Steve Hookey, Anita McKee, Angela Haddock, Deb Hedges, Kyle Dearlove, Tammy Pendergast, Paula Bender, Cynthia Montanaro, Lisa Glew, Kirsten Lumsden, Melanie Lumsden, Rob Seeley, Andrea Shantz, Jen Shantz, Jen Forristal, Kim Fowler.

#1 Introductions - 17 in attendance

#2 Approval of minutes – Deb Hedges

#3 Presentation by Rob Seeley on greening options

* discussed potential of adding wooden structure to playground
* need to adhere to Anex H (accessibility law)
* Krista Law with Evergreen Foundation is in partnership with the Board, 1 year wait for her to help on a project
* Idea given of feed trough filled with sand or soil,
* used in place of a sand box
* City of Cambridge structure will close soon due to safety precautions, once frost is gone and been inspected it will reopen, likely April or May
* Donations can be made through Waterloo Educational Foundation Inc. account
* Board will be planting 10 trees in May to provide shade on playground
* Idea of outdoor stage was raised, made of wood, cost is $3000-3500

#4 Presentation by Jen on Umbrella Project

* Jen developed a curriculum on well being, ties in with Board initiative on well being
* Cost is $500
* Mrs Shantz & Mr Runstedler would be reps
* Could be 30-50 minutes per week of teaching skills on well being with formative assessment
* Parenting workshops offered

#5 Financial Update

* $12 000 in account, spending $200 on white boards, $5000 on technology (once evaluated what is needed), $1000 on Home Reading books, potentially $500 on Umbrella Project
* $350 spent on line painting

#6 Fundraising

* Deb Hedges, QSP magazine and cookie dough sales, raised $7200, profit of $1420 yet not finalized
* Ideas; bingo, FundScrip gift certificates, Reo Thompson smoothies
* Scholastic Book Fair, November 16-21
* Pizza days and Lunch Lady continue

#7 Susanne Williams Tribute

* will happen in spring
* monthly updates to follow by Cherry Muir

#8 Principal Update – Erin Bell

* shared EQAO results ~ Grade 3; Reading 72% (above provincial standards), Writing 78% (above provincial standards), Math 57% (below provincial standards) ~ Grade 6; Reading 87% (above provincial standards), Writing 82% (above provincial standards), Math 49% (below provincial standards)
* Next steps to improve Math results; 60 more minutes of Math instruction per week, assigned lead Math teachers (Mrs Amodeo & Mrs Sorli), Dreambox, Prodigy, MPower, site based learning, Math kits for grade 1-3, Family Math Night likely in January
* Charity funds raised through Terry Fox Run was $904, Purple and Gold campaign for Childhood Cancer raised $400
* Progress reports go home November 11, PD Day on Nov 18, parent teacher interviews on November 17 & 18
* Council agreed to buy 2 dreambox licenses at $380 each.

Next Meeting – November 28 at 6:30