

**Ayr Public School Council Meeting**  
**January 11, 2017**

**1. Call to Order** – by Ingrid at 6:06pm

**2. Introductions/Attendance**

Welcome to Mrs. Percy as the new staff member on council.

Mike Coates, Carrie Percy, Ingrid Nicholls, Tammy Maurer, Erika Gordon, Kathleen Hayward, Hayley Williams, Sarah de la Chevrotiere, Missy Dietrich, Jacquie Deacon, Lisa McLinchey, Susan Knowles

**3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motioned by Ingrid to approve the minutes of December 7th, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Erika.

**4. Treasurers Report - Lisa B**

Handout provided.

**5. Principal Report**

Mike thanked the Ayr families, staff and students for their generous support over the Christmas season with the assembly attendance, days of giving donations, fundraisers, etc. 189 pounds of food were donated to Neighbours Helping Neighbours, a generous donation of knitted hats and mittens were donated as well.

In regards to fundraising and technology, the school has a goal of having a 1:1ratio of ipads or chromebooks per student, and we are at 70% of the goal.

**Math Night Update**

- will have a tech focus
- Jeff Brown from the board will be available
- Info evening for parents
- Tech and mobile tech and how it impacts learning
- Chromebooks vs. ipads
- Possibly have students do demonstrations of technology they use in the classroom at different grade levels
- 1 hour event, parent council run
- Address different levels of learning
- Will be held the end of February
- Jump for Math?

**Important Dates**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Vision/Hearing Screening

January 27<sup>th</sup> – PD Day

February 15<sup>th</sup> – School Council

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Reports Home

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Day (no school)

**School Updates** – APS is very excited to have secured 66 tickets for a Blue Jays game on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Grades 4-6 will be attending, and students will be bused to the event. Further information in regards to cost will be sent home with families. A balance of male and female volunteers will be needed to assist with this event.

## **6. Staff Update/Welcome to Mrs. Percy**

Mrs. Percy introduced herself and read a Thank You letter from Mrs. Wilson.

## **7. Fundraising Update**

Ingrid reported excellent fundraising on all fundraisers and candy cane grams which raised money for Nutrition for Learning. The online indigo fundraiser is still open and can be used.

Missy will run the Valentine Candy Grams. Discussion ensued around kisses vs. suckers, and looking into nut free options. Missy will research.

## **8. Food Days**

Salvatores will be providing the 2<sup>nd</sup> hot lunch for the month of February. It will be a meatball sandwich on a smaller bun with a side of carrots. This lunch will be served at 1<sup>st</sup> break, and will be served on Tuesdays. Pizza will switch to Thursday. Kathleen will look into coordinating volunteers for serving the lunches.

Ingrid proposed we no longer run the juice sales. The juice is not a healthy option, and is a hassle to purchase and stock in addition to serving food on the lunch days. The committee agrees with this proposal

## **9. Earth Day**

Susan provided an update on the items/ideas in the works for Earth Day

- Fire Fighters will be in attendance
- Vendors, BBQ, Yard Clean Up
- Will include more earth teaching, becoming green together
- Crafts
- Donations (generic note/letter to be drafted)
- Reptile or Bird Show
- Looking into having Region come
- Extra blue bins/green bins on hand to teach about layering
- Bake Sale – Mel's Cakes
- ewaste?
- Flower Planting station
- Tree saplings
- Rain Barrels
- Clean Up/Yard Work
- Separate Earth Day Committee meetings will take place, and updates will be brought back to the regular Parent Council meetings

## **10. Greening**

- Phase 2 almost complete
- Only the natural play area left, has to be professionally installed
- We thought a lot of the wood was going to be donated
- Quote is higher than expected, would parent council fund the other half of the lumber bill?

All in favour to proceed with quote and finish this project.

**11. New Business**

Questions arose around the lifespan of the portapacks at Ayr Public School, in light of the recent funding that the other local schools have received to replace and upgrade. Mike advised he is actively investigating these concerns already, and highlighted that climate issues are the #1 priority.

**Adjourned – 7:28pm**

**Scheduled Meetings:**

**2016/2017** –March 8, April 12, May 10, June - TBA