

## Blair Road School-School Council Meeting

October 11, 2017

- Teacher Report-Liz Fuhrman
  - Terry Fox run has raised \$5583.00 this year. This is more than we have ever raised before. The school has raised over \$30,000 since we began participating in the run.
    - To celebrate their achievement, Mrs. Fuhrman's class all got to give her a pie in the face, which was enjoyed by all.
  - Mr. Bolton's Running club has the highest number of runners ever
    - Running Club participants will be encouraged to join Mr. Bolton in the Annual Jingle Bell Run in November at the YMCA. Mr. Bolton is hoping for the biggest team ever and this is always a great event.
  - Madam Rye, Miss Sharon, and Miss Bonk have created an Eco team
    - This is an environmentally focussed team, more information to follow
  - Halloween
    - Kindergartens are encouraged to wear their costumes to school
    - All other grades usually bring their costumes and dress later
    - There will be the usual Costume Parade through the school ending in the gym with the Monster Mash
      - parents are welcome to attend
  - Miss Morton is working on a Dance for Kindness event. More information to follow.
  - Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th. Family are welcome to attend. More information to follow
  
- Principal's Report- Helen Turner -Fischer
  - Extended Day Program has grown to two class rooms; once enrollment exceeds 16 children a second classroom has to be added
    - Part of this is due to the fact that the Y program for children in grades 3-6 did not have enough people to run this year which means all children are in the one program
    - Room 3 is now an Extended Day Program; ECE Ann Maser works now from 6:45-2:30 and a new staff member ECE Ashley Wright, will work from 10:30-6:00
  - We have had numerous traumatic events of the last month that have impacted staff and students; fire in student's home, students mother passed away; staff family members also passing away. In a 2 week span we had 8 significant events happen
    - Staff Meeting's focus was wellness to help combat these events
      - looked at ways to refill our own buckets to continue to help those around us
    - Crisis Team came to meet with student from the fire; School Social Worker. Erin Scott



- Fundraising
  - Professor Jamz
    - <https://www.professorjamz.com>
    - tentatively booked at date at the end of February for him to come
    - reviews from others schools are that this is a very good fundraiser
  - New Orleans Pizza Night Fundraiser
    - Can we continue with these on a monthly basis; Kelly to look into this
  - Chocolate Bars
    - Kelly reports that this is the school's biggest fundraiser
    - Although there are some families that do not appreciate this fundraiser, they will be given the opportunity to opt out. Otherwise the council would like to continue with this fundraiser
  - Classroom Basket Themed Fundraiser
    - Laura has seen this fundraiser done at other schools. Each classroom develops a themed gift basket. The gift baskets are then auctioned off in a silent auction.
    - Council is supportive of this fundraiser
    - Classes to be provided with baskets and clear wrap. Teachers to choose a theme with their class and then students bring in small items to go with the theme
    - Laura to create material to support the teachers in the creation of these baskets
    - Baskets to be placed in main hall the week before the christmas concerts
    - Final bidding to happen the Monday after the Christmas concerts with the winners awarded Tuesday
  - The 4 above ideas are the main fundraisers for the year; what follows are additional possible smaller fundraisers
    - Mabels Labels
      - we are signed up with them
    - Indigo
      - <https://indigo.flipgive.com>
      - Create an account, percentage of purchases goes towards gift cards or cash back
      - Kelly to look into possible account
    - Kidney foundation
      - <https://www.kidney.ca/kidney-clothes/clothing-drives>
      - organize a clothing drive, have the kidney foundation pick up and receive money for the clothes.
      - possible as an easy community minded fundraiser

**Next meeting: November 8th, 2018 at 6:00pm**