**Breslau Public School Council Meeting**

**April 13, 2015**

**Attendance**

Kristen Tukums (Chair), Melissa Cowburn ( Vice Chair), Sharlene McHolm(Principal) ,Sharon Morgan(Vice Principal), Linda Boland(Co- Secretary) Janet Evans, Dominika Nelson ,Debby Pavlove (Teacher Rep), Tara Israel, Brenda Sandham, Suzette Marsh, Nancy Allan, Sue Davidson, Anne Diegal, Marla Brooks

**Welcome**

-all Council members were welcomed by Kristen

-a thank you card was made by Mrs. Pavlove’s grade 4’s and read, thanking council for the funding for the visit of Sigmund Brower

-minutes were distributed electronically to members for review, Linda corrected a couple grammar errors and reference to Wilmot Township was revised to read Woolwich Township. Motion to accept Anne, 2nd Kristen

**Treasurer’s Report**

-Liz was not present, report was forwarded to Kristen who read aloud

-balance as of today is $12,333.65, $8790 fundraising ($2950 Treasure Books) craft show $3486.2

-motion to accept Nancy, 2nd Sue

**WRAPSC**

-Minutes of recent meeting summarized by Anne

-the $500 for the Parent Involvement Fund has been deposited into the school account for transfer to Council account, Sharlene will look into this

-Sharlene indicated that in the past the $500 had been used to fund the automated calling system and ask if the funds could be used again this year for this service. Council took a vote and voted yes for this year but wanted to reserve the right to look at other options in future years.

-there are various events being held at Schools and Colleges, all information including dates and locations available on WRDSB website

**Stream of Dreams**

-we will have 612 fish

-we are in need of supporting people☺:

1 Adult in designated painting room during the 3 days of the event (shifts can be worked in), not necessarily the same person each day, June 8, 9, 10th

Crew of 5 adults to attach fish to the fence June 17, 18th rain date June 19th

Crew of 2 adults to apply coat of Varathane to fish once attached to wall

Stream of Dreams organizers will be present to advise on techniques☺

-wood has been donated, fish are being cut and prepared by

a group of seniors and some prison residents

-various undetermined shifts will occur during school day hours of 8:30am-2:50pm

-further project information on WRDSB website wrdsb.ca/pic or by email pic@wrdsb.on.ca

**Magazine Sales Report**

-last year sales were in the range of $15,983

-this year, sales were $5039.88

-QSP are looking at ways to improve prize system, making it more parent friendly

-there are a couple of new sale initiatives besides magazines we can try if we decide to go that route, council will look at the new items in September

-Pep Rally assembly will be shared with Treasure Books, like this year, scheduled for September 28th, 2:15pm

**Graduation Committee**

-Plans and work are in progress for a digital yearbook

-parents of grade 8 students have been sought/and are volunteering

-Motion made by Nancy for Council to Support Graduation again this year with a donation of $300, as agreed upon at final June 2014. Council unanimously agreed.

**Parent Reaching Out Grant**

- grant from School Board of $1000 that will provide educational funding on a topic chosen by School Council for students as well as parents

-this year’s topic was Self Esteem, Debby gave a very positive point of view regarding the visits of authors, Marla is looking into those who would speak to students and parents

-application is due May 19th. Marla has been kind enough to take this under her wings for the past 2 years. Thank you Marla ☺

-motion was made for next year’s topic - Literacy, all agreed; money has to be used by the end of the school year 2015/2016. Suggestions made for Eric Walters or Barbara Reid as speakers

-there was also a suggestion made regarding a School Council Information session for parents, not suitable for the PRO grant though

**School Support Request Discussion**

-some suggestions were: sports equipment and benches for the gym, a new screen for presentations, outdoor basketball nets &/or equipment for older kids, perhaps obstacle course equipment, outdoor play equipment for younger kids (this would be a multi-year project likely, Canada Post Grant mentioned that can be used for a play structure)

-suggestion made to ask students for suggestions, Debby mentioned that kids are interested in anything soccer related, further comments made though regarding new regulations due to soccer tragedy this past fall

**Courtyard Update**

-construction company creating new/safer door forts, may get 3 vs 2, sails to be installed

**Teacher’s Report**

-Mrs. Pavlove’s positive report of Sigmund Brower’s visit; school wide event, everyone was made to feel so welcome, he was blown away by the tremendous preparation effort before his arrival, he though BPS was an amazing school, Nancy had a display in the library regarding his visit as well as a binder for suggestions of ideas and questions for his presentation, there was a welcome video, posters lining the halls, a “red carpet” entrance invited him into the gym, event consisted of 2 assemblies, presentation regarding positive messaging about reading/writing & developing the story, education, teachers and the role of the librarian

**\*\*\*\***in September, within a class, kids can provide feedback on “Prequel” of “Seven, the Series” book before it goes to print, this is a series of books, started by Eric Walters, that Canadian children’s authors were asked to contribute a novel to that would be connected to by a grandfathers love for his seven grandsons,

-Mrs. Donaldson. Mrs. Lee & Ms. Bell grade 3’s went to the Laurel Creek Sugar Shack, to learn about the maple syrup process.

-Ms. Chan’s kindergarten class have planted beans in CD cases so we can watch the roots and leaves develop. A student brought in a sweet potato that has sprouted roots and leaves; we planted white spruce trees as part of a tree planting project that all kindergartens are participating in

--Mr. Wade’s grade 6’s, our 93 year old Veteran friend will be coming back next year to present the 75 medals and certificates to students who entered the Legion Poster/Essay Contest

**Teacher’s Report cont’d**

-Intermediate students and Mr. Wade’s grade 6 class are creating Zentangle masks for the May Art Day.

At the beginning of May, the school will have will have art displayed around the school, the musical “Mandella”, written and produced by Ms. Green, directed by Ms. Green and Mrs. Fergin will be held May 12th (dress rehearsal) **family performance May 13th, 12pm, grades 5-8 performing, grades 7&8 orchestra. Hope you can make it☺**

**Principal Report**

-there will be 80-100 new kids next year for kindergarten,

-we don’t need to say “good bye” to any of the teachers, we are in a slight hiring mode

-we are getting decals for a new wall that say “*Welcome”* in all of 28 different languages spoken at homes of our students

-Kristen to send last year’s profile, coming via Nancy, found on the wiggio site, Council to read/edit as see fit prior to next meeting

Meeting Adjourned 9:00

Next Meeting May 11, 2015 Dominika Nelson to bring snacks

Motion to Adjourn Anne, 2nd Nancy

**Final Council Meeting for 2014/2015 year June 8th, Potluck**