

**Chalmers Street Public School  
School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
6:30 PM in Library**

**Meeting Chair:** Heather Samuel

**Member Attendance**

- **Present:** Rob Rebellato; Danielle Downing; Sarah Spicer; Heather Samuel; Jessica Allen; Theresa Tabinski-Hurst, Kim Koolen, Sue Davis; Shashonna Shea
- **Absent:** Karis Burgess; Samuel David; Diane David; Gary Treasure; Natalie Treasure; Nagina Rabbani; Jennifer Boyer; Norene Miller; Sarah Furtado

**1. Welcoming Remarks (Heather Samuel)**

- o Meeting called to order at approx. 6:31 PM

**2. Principal's Report (Rob Rebellato)**

- o Yoga in the gym – quite a number of kids involved, once or twice a week
- o Clubs - volleyball has started
- o Several guest presenters so far this year (i.e. Scott Norton - Native culture, Dancing, Drumming - was loved by the kids; Cody Jameson - Lacrosse Pro, demonstrated; spoke about his Native culture and experiences; Blues in the school, etc.)
- o Scare Hunger Food Drive - 1700 items collected; a student was able to get 1500 lbs of food donated over and above that; office will pay for pizza party for the winning class (Mr. Van Ravenstein)
- o Halloween event - annual parade of costumes - went well as usual
- o Progress Reports Nov 13; Nov 17 is reporting day - teachers will be reaching out to parents to set up appointments (teacher / parent discretion)
- o Value Village Fundraiser - Nov 28 - 1500lbs of clothing on its way - focus will be women and children, winter wear / outerwear – we want to promote!!!
  - Office will send out via Twitter
  - Sue Davis will add to FB page
- o Field Trips - Safety Village, Fred Penner, Pumpkin Patch, etc. - lots of opportunity; more on the horizon
- o Seasonal Celebration / Concert - scheduled for Dec 19 for Kindergarten; Dec 20 will be Grade 1 to 6 - during the day, doors open 12PM (advanced seating at 11AM)
- o Remembrance Day ceremonies about 10:30ish on Friday, November 10, 2017
- o Newsletter will be going home with the pertinent dates / details

**3. Fundraising**

- Chocolate Bars
  - o No total available as yet, as we don't know how much product has gone back / how much will be credited – so far only rough amounts
  - o A few more weeks before exact totals are finalized
  - o Prizes for the next assembly; Rob will present
- Wrapping Paper, etc. (Theresa Tabinski-Hurst)
  - o Totals – 24 products sold, approx. \$314.00 raised so far
  - o Will continue a push - include a letter home to remind families (or Rob will incorporate into the next newsletter) - still awaiting possible kick-off assembly opportunity
    - Sarah Spicer suggested teachers could provide some additional info to their individual classes in the meantime

- Other Fundraising - Book Fair (Shashonnah Shea)
  - o Has talking with representative from Scholastic – cash / reward system involved
  - o Proposed for the week of Nov 28 2017 (start on Mon Nov 27 2017) – am for delivery the week before; let kids preview so parents / kids are ready for sales during the week / when they are here for the clothing sale.
  - o Would be during the day - don't want it at the concert (too late), best time for sales would be November - suggestion to run in parallel with the Value Village fundraiser (Tue Nov 28, from approx. 2pm to 6pm, and/or through that week)
  - o Some interest from other school council members / parent volunteers.
  - o Another option (per Rob) - there is a Family Math Night slated for Feb 2018 - could run the book fair at the same time, both academic initiatives
  - o The group mulled over the pros and cons of timeline options (November vs February); majority are in favour of November timeline (before Christmas)

#### 4. Other Items:

- Sarah Spicer in attendance to discuss Family math night - suggested for February 2018
  - o Has worked well at other schools
  - o Prizes; Math Games; Worksheets/Activities/Games to send home
  - o Retired teacher may be available to help out / coordinate - she has a good amount of expertise, could help with set-up - Chalmers will provide manpower with committee, teachers, etc. - Sarah plans to reach out to her at some point in the near future.
  - o Shashonnah suggested we might be able to reach out to community for donations (e.g. playing cards, printouts, etc.)
  - o Opportunity for teachers to share with parents what 'math in the classroom' looks like these days as well, sharing resources, to help parents and students.
  - o Looking to see if parent council will support this initiative - fee may be about \$600 for the teacher, plus some \$\$ for prizes, games, to facilitate continued learning beyond that night. → Unanimous support from school council; council agrees to help fund this project
- Shashonna suggested an idea for candy cane grams - for seasonal concert - parents could buy (to be distributed the next day); students could buy for their friends, etc. - may be able to recruit kids to help make them, distribute, etc. Where should funds go? Perhaps toward math night funding? Or an alternative might be to request donations while parents come into the school for the concert to go toward math night (candy cane craft in exchange for donations)?
- Lego Club - inquiry from Theresa - try to secure Lego at good price (e.g. black Friday sale); or perhaps there is Lego in the school already? 1500 pcs for \$40? Sarah Spicer may try to inventory what is in the school already

#### 5. PAWS Program Support

- Rainy day activities still a go (discussed prior meetings)
- How much for the teachers - still good with \$50 for each teacher - bring back receipt, school council will wrap, office will reimburse.
- Rob Rebellato will communicate with staff, goal is to have everything bought by end of November and then council has about a month to carry through with wrapping, delivery, etc.
- Goal for delivery to classrooms will be Dec 21 or 22 (Shashonnah and Sue may be available to help Heather with this – the 22<sup>nd</sup> would be preferable)

#### 6. Adjournment:

- Meeting concluded at approx. 7:15 PM
- If was proposed that if there is a December meeting, members could gather for a small holiday celebration/potluck and aim to cover a brief agenda - scheduled for Wednesday December 13, 2017