

Doon School Council Minutes
September 10, 2019 6:30 pm

Principal's Report:

Staff Updates:

- We have Mr McDougall on leave, until end of September, but may be extended Alexis Stupich is covering - Mr. Nagge also on leave, Mr. Brouse covering - Amanda Murray core French is now .5 time, looking for a core french teacher for afternoons

Monthly Character education - Second tuesday each month and in class 4th Tuesday each month. Leadership students are involved

The Umbrella project can be accessed by parents. It's about facing challenges and developing resilience

September 11 is first staff meeting

Will be discussion what are the students greatest learning needs

What do staff need to learn to address student needs

Diagnostic tests were given for math and english. It will be used for targeted intervention, gap closing. Staff will need to decide how to meet the needs

The school improvement plan is the same as last year - 3 goals

- 1) *We will identify students performing below grade expectations and provide targeted intervention and small group instruction to close gaps*
- 2) *Math, increase competency and fluency, as well as conceptual understanding Goal*
- 3) *We aim to create a school community which promotes well-being and engagement, by providing social/emotional support and opportunities for positive connections*

Students are getting into new routines, working on class building.

Friday was a multi media assembly about making good choices

(Presenters *Live Different*)

Grade 8 camp is next week

We are in the process of developing a wellness room. Somewhere for kids to go when they need to refocus. Available supports in the room include exercise bikes, bean bag chairs, colouring activities, etc. It is a place for the kids to regulate. Question was raised if we have all the equipment we need for the room, there might be some support needed, Beverlie will confirm for us.

Sports: Football tryouts currently being held we had about 40 boys so the boys will see cuts and 20 girls try out.

Clubs are not yet ramped up. Kids need to listen to announcements.

Treasurer Report:

We currently have \$13,666 in the budget. June we had \$16,647 with an approximate net outflow of \$3,000. \$5,000 of last years sending was related to the previous year. We had a net growth of \$2,000. Fun fair revenue \$800 Expenses for fun fair were \$664 ESNS rebate cheques \$3500 We need to decide what we would like to do with the balance of the cash Last year we earned \$6,699.20 from ESNS

ESNS has now added sushi. Question was raised where is the sushi from? We are not sure but will confirm. Pizza day is now Thursdays, Ginos is new pizza provider and friday was fully booked for them. This also means we do not miss PA days etc. Question was asked about popcorn days, popcorn is available to order through ESNS on snack days, Fridays are snack days

Fundraising

COBBS bread 10% of purchases from Doon families will be donated to the school. Just need to tell them prior to making your purchase. COBBS has an end of day giving program. They are supporting our nutrition for Learning program with this. We are given 1/3 of their end of day left overs each Tuesday. We share if we have too much. COBBS will pay out the fundraising with a cheque at the end of the year. It is ONLY the Fairway location, must actually be a Doon family to participate (you cannot ask friends etc)

Fresh from the Farm fundraiser for nutrition for learning. Last year we raised over \$800 which we did consider a success. Some people purchased veggies last year and donated back to us, we cannot prepare any food for nutrition for learning, so we were not really able to use the

veggies. We did use through the guidance program though and the kids made soup. We will be running again this year, if families would like to purchase apples through the program to donate to nutrition for learning that would be appreciated.

Pepperettes are not very profitable. It is a lot of work for little value, therefore it was decided we would not do the pepperettes this year.

Treasures cards remain available for \$10 each it is 100% profit at this point each one we sell. They do work in the US and do not expire.

Popcorn machine will be used on some days throughout the year
Nutrition for Learning:

Nutrition for learning is a program that is fully funded. We do need to show as a school we are making an effort to support the program. We used to be required to run 2 fundraisers per year to support the program, now we just need to show an effort. The program is in place to support any child at the school who needs food, whether it is a forgotten lunch, an extra hungry day or the lack of food for lunch. No questions asked. There is a table set up in elevator room during first break. Kids are allowed to take one thing from each food group. The new program means no more shopping, items will be ordered online through N4L and delivered to the school. We will still need to bag veggies. It is run everyday starting September 24. We did discuss the possibility of funding a program for the 2 weeks until the regular program starts, we just do not have the time to set it up, even with the very generous offer of fully funding us for 2 weeks. We will talk about setting this up later in the year so that we do not have this lag next year. Right now we have the buns from COBBS and some fruit in the office if there is really anyone in need until September 24. N4L can always accept any donations

If you order ESNS on a day your child is not at school this food cannot be saved until the next day. The school passes on those lunches to a child who is in need of a lunch that day.

The question was raised do staff order ESNS, they are aware they can, it is not popular with the staff. ESNS is looking at staff portions. Burritos do have different sizes this year.

What is our goal for this year? We will get a staff wish list tomorrow.

Some general items always included; subsidies for grade 8 camp and end of year activities, as previously discussed the wellness room. Last year we purchased exercise bikes More armour stone would be nice, extra seating around the fields, can also be used as outdoor classroom area. Question was raised if provider of the stone needs to be a board approved supplier, it does need to be, but any supplier can apply for approval. Survey to students suggested, we

discussed short listing the survey to get student input Outdoor exercise equipment was raised, we have looked into this in the past and it did not work out, but we can revisit and see if it is plausible. We have a parent who has agreed to look into grants, this has really helped us in the past few years Basketball nets all replaced, new balls etc We agreed it is best to set the goals for what we want and then decide how to raise funds

Elections:

Elections for council positions were held the following was decided

Chair: Martha Weinhardt Co

Chair: Sarah Kharaud

Treasurer: Zamal Ruffudeen

Secretary: we were not able to confirm a secretary, we do have a few parents willing to share the duty.

Other Business:

Junior achievement program was brought up, need a teacher point person and more info

Boundary Review:

Huron Heights is overcrowded, it is our "natural" feeder school.

The review was put on hold with cap changes, it is now back on

Wednesday September 18 at 7 pm at Forest Heights is the next public meeting, the preferred scenario will be presented, all are encouraged to attend. In the current scenario Doon is not affected. Glencarin and Country Hills will go to Cameron, WT Townsend and Williamsburg will go to Forest Heights, Groh to Forest Heights.

The meeting is open house format

Grandfathering is being proposed

In 2020 Huron will be at 140% capacity, Forest Heights at 91% and Cameron at 110%

Email your comments questions and concerns to the boundary review committee.