

## **Parent Council Meeting-Minutes from April 10th 2019 meeting.**

**Regrets- Allan, Rikki**

**Attendance- Sabeen Hussain, Kristin Barber, Tanya Harris, Eleanor McCoy, Melissa Stacey, Barb Csanits**

**Welcome-Sabeen Hussain**

Thank you everyone for coming tonight. My apologies for the delays.

**Administration- Melissa Stacey**

Going over staffing first, we have received our numbers for next year. We will be needing another portable for next year. We are not losing any english classes, but we will be down a french immersion class. All french immersion classes will be split classes next year, with the exception of the grade 1 class.

Parents are wondering how the classes are split. Is it based on how well their academics are, if they will be selected for a higher class split versus a lower class split? The answer is no. We do not pick classes based on how well their academics are. Teachers teach based on how each individual class is. We have many split classes this year, and classes are doing fine. When our school first opened we were strictly multi-age classes, which lasted for 8 years. Mrs. Csanits absolutely loved it. The older kids can help the younger kids, and the younger kids can help the older kids too. A lot can be learned from multi-age classrooms. They have been proven to be beneficial to the students. So why are we no longer a strictly multi-age classroom school anymore? It disappeared the last time the government changed the school curriculum for the province.

We have a few staff changes on the horizon. Many schools have seen drastic changes in their staffing numbers for next year.

Ms. Kelly our music teacher has two weeks left, until she starts her maternity leave. We are currently seeking a LTO for her position. Interviews are starting soon.

On site...New shelving is going into the staff room, starting next week. We will be having some repairs on the asphalt in the back of the school, starting in July. New chairs (150) have arrived. We will have plenty of seating now for school events/plays. Playground is currently off limits. After our spring inspection we found that the metal needed to be repaired on the stairs. Kindie teachers will be looking at the Moffat Creek playground next week. Allan hopes to have the proposal in by June. Chocolate bars will be starting soon. We will not be selling nuts, as the board completely banned it. Spirit wear should be coming in May sometime. EQAO will be held May 21st-June 3rd. Grade 3's will test first, then the grade 6's.

### **YMCA-Eleanor McCoy**

We recently launched a new app called Wemarkable. It is similar to dojo or seesaw. We are just into our second week using the app. Parents can go onto the app and see pictures of their kids throughout the day. They can also check what their kids have eaten. Its wonderful. Parents can tag family members in the pictures, and they will automatically receive the picture. We had an increase in our toddlers. We had 5 now we have 10 spots.

### **Staff- Barb Csanits**

Running club starts in May. Talent show auditions are currently taking place. They will run until next week. Classes are notified during the morning announcements, if it is their day to audition. This was a student initiated project. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sallesky are pitching in to help facilitate the show.

### **Dance Club- Kristin Barber**

Dance club is going well. It is running from March 21st to May 30th. Cost for the program \$355.95. We had 70 students sign up. Thank you to the teachers for signing up to help supervise the program, as well as Autumn from One Movement Dance Studio..

### **Bag2school Fundraiser- Kristin Barber**

We had 700kgs of used clothing and textiles donated to the school. P1 brought in the most donations and recieved a popcorn party for their hard work. Thoughts for next year...maybe we can run this fundraiser during earth week. Thanks to Heather Wood and Tanya Harris for helping me load the truck with the donations.

### **ESNS Program- Kristin Barber**

Program is going well so far. Students and staff both seem to be enjoying the food. We are currently selling on average 200 slices of pizza per week, and 65 food orders (Boston Pizza, Pita Pit, Subway). We were previously selling an average of 200 pizza slices before we switched to the ESNS program. We are making \$80 less per week by using this company, but we would never be able to offer the kids this many food choices, with so few volunteers.

All in all, I am pretty happy with the program. It has been nice not having to worry about pizza forms, or counting money. We have a couple grade 6 students helping on pizza days, as we still need to tape the class orders to the top of the boxes.

### **Charity Bingo- Kristin Barber**

We had 8 people attend our last Charity night at the Cambridge Gaming Centre. We recieved a donation of \$80. Thank you to Allan for attending charity night with us. We had 2 new members take the training for the bingo program. Thank you to Tanya Harris and Wendy Monterosso for taking the training. Tanya worked last month with me and Wendy works this week with me. Shirts will be ordered for next month for volunteers to try on.

### **Movie Night- Kristin Barber**

Movie night went well. We had an awesome turnout, our biggest this year. Concession stand and pre-oder pizza was a big hit. We made a profit of \$123 off the concession stand. Thank you to Ms.Schrader for helping get the AV setup. As well as Tanya, Sabeen and our student helper for helping run it. We need to make a picture how to book, on how to setup up the AV equipment for future movie nights.

### **Strong Start Reading Program- Sabeen Hussain**

We have a high need for students needing the program. We are currently working with 16 students from JK to grade 2, with 18 strands. We desperately need more volunteers to read with the kids. Anyone interested in vokunteering fir the program please email Sabeen at [Elginstpublicschool@gmail.com](mailto:Elginstpublicschool@gmail.com)

### **Kindie Night- Sabeen Hussain**

Kindie night will be held on Wednesday May 8th from 6-7pm. There will be a speech in the gym by Allan (as Melissa will be at the Kodaly concert). After the introductory speech, parents will go down and visit the Kindie rooms. There will be tables setup along the hallway with different groups like: YMCA, Early Years, Strong Start Reading, Mabels Labels, Parent Council. We need volunteers to open the doors, as well as work the council table. Heather and Kristin volunteered to work the table. Our volunteer pamphlet needs to be updated by Kindie night as well.

### **Open Floor- Sabeen Hussain**

Just wondering if it is up to each teacher to plan end of the year trips, or if it is a standard trip for each grade. I heard of a couple classes last year that did not get to go on a year end trip. Admin replied that it is up to the individual teacher to plan a year end trip. As of now it sounds like all classes will be having a year end trip.

### **Closing- Sabeen Hussain**

Thank you everyone for coming tonight. This was our quickest meeting yet. We hope you all have a wonderful evening. Meeting finished at 6:45pm.

