

## **EZ Parent Council Meeting**

**November 18, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

### **Attendance**

#### **Voting Council Members**

Corrie Ballantyne (Chair)

Heather Sequeira (Treasurer)

Joanna Thiessen (Secretary)

Brooke Spearn

Erin Heimpel

Jen Topham

#### **Non-voting Council Members and Guests**

Susan Marchiori (Principal)

Sarah McNeil (Vice Principal)

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

-motion to approve Oct 28 minutes and today's agenda – moved by Heather and second by Erin, voted in favour by all voting members

### **3. School Report and EQAO update**

-French assembly and cultural presentation will be paid for this year by a grant and Susan will pay the remainder, so they will not be asking Parent Council for any funding

### **EQAO**

-school results – trend is same as last year where mathematics is the struggle eg. For grade 3, 54% are at or above provincial standards and for grade 6, 48% are at or above provincial standards

-in reading and writing these numbers are more like 70-80% are above provincial standards  
-since 2015-2016, our results have stayed generally the same except in math the results have been progressively declining

-in reading and writing, most EZ kids are working at level 3 and level 4. In math, EZ kids are working at level 2 and 3 and 4

(ask Susan for these graphs)

-kids did really well with the “math facts” type questions eg. How to find out perimeter

-questions they struggle with are the ones that involve thinking and then application to situations – questions involving interpreting the data – questions involving transferring ideas to a new situation

-PD has been focusing on supporting these types of problems in all subject areas

-Oct 25 PD day focused on mathematics

-Nov 15 PD day focused on the board’s new language document which is based on past 20 years of research

-EZ did slightly better than all other schools in this board in all areas of the EQAO

-applied and accepted to be a “wrap around” school which means we will get extra support in math from the school board to our Junior teachers who teach math – first session is this week, 3 sessions total

-you can look at sample questions and sample scoring guides on EQAO website

-tools such as Prodigy and DreamBox are used by some of the classes

-reminder that if you haven’t signed up to get notifications from the school website, you should do this because all the notifications from the school board get sent to you this way eg. Labour update (this was the most recent notification sent out)

-bullying prevention week started today – Friday is Pink Day for the whole school

-Safe Caring Inclusive Schools team – Sara, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Howie, Madame Kleinschmidt and 2 grade 6 students – **looking for a parent to be a part of this – meetings are 10:45-11:20 once per month**

-the students in the Safe Caring Inclusive team have organized the assembly for this Friday. They are also starting a program in December called PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) where kids are teaching games for younger kids at recess – there is a workshop for kids in grades 4, 5, 6 who are interested in being leaders

-re-writing school code of conduct including cell phone rules and it will be available on the website when it is finished

#### **4. Update from Outreach**

-we can apply for a PRO grant (Parents Reaching Out) – application due Dec 18, 2019

-suggestion to share the application with the Play for All committee in case it can tie into one of their fundraisers

#### **5. Update from Greening**

-no update tonight

#### **6. Financial Summary**

-nothing has changed since last meeting except money moved out of account for funding for symphony trip

-pizza numbers expected to be approx. \$2600 Sept – Dec

-Fresh From Farm – pickup from EZ gym this Wednesday 3pm-5pm – any food not picked up will be donated to the Food Bank that night

#### **7. Update from Play for All**

-matching donor has offered to match teacher gift donations up to \$2500

-teachers are on board to have donations given in their honour in place of teacher presents at Christmas

-\$14,031 is where we are at – includes flower sales of \$809, WEFE donations, and \$689 from wreath sales

-maybe have incentives for the kids that raise the most \$ for things like the Dance-a-thon eg. Pizza party for you and 3 friends, movie passes, extra recess for your class

#### **8. Wrap up**

-check out board website if you want to see minutes from the most recent WRAPSC meeting

-motion to end tonight's meeting – moved by Jo Thiessen, Second by Jen Topham, voted in favour by all voting members

-next meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020