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**Empire School Council Meeting Notes - January 10, 2018. 7:00 PM**

*Present: Steph, Erica, Louise, Lindsay, Justin, Jess, Karen, Paul, Tricia, Bryan, Krista M-B*

**\*Quorum was not achieved and therefore all motions to vote will be deferred, including approval of November minutes.**

1) Welcome and Introductions (5 min)

2) Approval of November Minutes (5 min)

- Deferred

3) Finance Report – Justin on behalf of Rachel (5 min)

**ENSN**

- Thank you to Steph for organizing
- Total donations to date thru ENSN is \$180
- Almost \$1000 commission year to date; on target to be comparable to last year fundraisers

**Tech Fundraiser**

- No numbers available yet as WEFI fund summary takes a while

**Greeting Card Fundraiser**

- \$300 raised for sale of greeting cards

**Boston Pizza Fundraiser**

- \$150 raised from Boston Pizza fundraiser

4) Lunch Program Review (ESNS) (15 min) - vote *deferred*

a. Proposal to stop selling Menchies - Justin

- Justin reiterated his concerns (initially shared by email to the council) about sharing high sugar frozen yogurt in the School Lunch Program, grounded in the Government of Ontario Food and Beverage Policy for Schools. Based on the Menchies website information, he estimates that there are 10 tsp of sugar in each serving of frozen yogurt we sell. He read aloud 6 email responses from council members in favour of keeping the Menchies in place.
- Krista and Jess spoke to the equity piece for some of the students in the school. They wanted to share that for many families Menchies is not a choice.
- Regarding concerns for lost revenue, Steph shared that the Menchies commission is \$34/month and that it is only offered once a month

b. Proposal to limit Backpack flyers - Justin

- Justin noted that the flyer distribution can add to inequity in the class (some kids excited, some disappointed)
- Council members indicated that the problem can be related to the many other flyers that come as well (pizza, ESNS, fundraisers, special events, Lunch Lady)
- 340 families have enrolled in School Day to date so that (590 students total)
- All council members to be mindful of any copies that are made (consider ½ or ¼ pages)
- Krista indicated that teacher can also include planner messages to remind as well

5) Events / Fundraising (10 min)

a. End-of-Year Picnic - ?

- Justin indicated that end of year picnic could be planned outside of council meetings to protect each other times. He will coordinate the committee.
- The cost of the food trucks may be prohibitive to families. Steph will look into another option with a personal contact at A&W to host a BBQ and profit share.
- Erica will organize School of Rock
- Suggestion to host the event after Ramadan ends with Eid - **June 21st recommended date.**
- Rain or shine event (pull Tumblebus and food trucks up to entrances, School of Rock into gym)

b. World Refugee Day Event – Mary Lou

- Deferred to next week

C. Fit Fest - submitted by Amy

- Volunteers are still needed, low representation from the School Council
- Great staff volunteer rate

6) Principal / Vice-principal Reports (15 min)

**Staffing Updates**

- Yvonne Leclerc-Humphrey for Jessica Lubert - Gr 5/6 FI
- Candice Bauman for Anita Mackinnon/Ashley Brunshaw - Gr 1 FI
- Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ for Val Mader - night custodian
- Will be hiring for Melissa Gomes-Fernandes (DECE in K4) who begins her mat leave Feb 5

### **School Events/Updates**

January- Mindfulness monthly trait - Assembly Jan 17 (teachers will invite the parents of the children who are participating)

- PD Day- Jan 26- assessment/evaluation purposes for teachers
- Report Cards- Term 1 ends Feb 2- reports go home Feb 16
- Many new enrollments since Christmas- current numbers are almost 590.
- Communications - School Day- 340 parents now have accounts (which is awesome considering we only have 587 students total) , 200+ on Twitter, School Day can translate info into other languages for parents (this makes it desirable over paper flyers)

### **Student activities:**

- BUMP Intramurals
- PALS- games for primary students at NB
- Games club, chess club, Boys and Girls clubs
- Ski Trip- Feb 1 for Gr 5 & 6 students to Chicopee
- Kodaly choir- continues
- School Day can translate into different languages

### 7) Parent Questions and Concerns (5 min)

- Baden Coffee Company fundraiser planned for Valentines Day delivery to fundraise for technology
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### 8) Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 7