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Empire School Council Minutes

November 14, 2018 6:30 PM

1) Welcome and Introductions

Amanda Wickstead, Erica Hind, Shelley Croth, Justin Faulkner, Ashley McKinnon, Sara Clark, Rochelle Knox, Nicole Dore, Micheline Lang, Krista Mohr, Bryan Rankine, Jessica Gillbert, Mary Lou Roe, Andrea Ahrens, Aynsley Hickey and Shannon Berkhuisen.

Regrets: Rachel Thompson, Jen Clary-Lemon

2) Approval of October Minutes

October Meeting Minutes Approved

3) Finance

We are \$1900.00 over budget with the current draft budget.

Items Removed to balance budget Include:

- Symphony was removed because the parents from the primary classes have paid already and therefore it is not equitable to have school council to pay for only half of the school. We will revisit the symphony again in June to see if we can reserve money to pay for this trip for the 2019/2020 year.
- The Kiln is currently working and therefore can be removed from the budget.
- \$500 was removed from the Staff Appreciation. We will coordinate pot luck contributions for this event to decrease the budget expenses.
- Pic Grant needs to be spent by year end (\$500). We will try to purchase all the New Comer Tea supplies before year end to help cover the cost of this event.
- To balance the transfer if the PIC grant to the New Comer Tea Event we took money from the contingency/unexpected fund to balance the budget.

Budget Approved by School Council

- Jess Sloss and Justin have been working on collecting donations of Helmets and Skates for children/classes to go skating this year. They would like \$500 to go towards purchasing extra helmets and skates if necessary. Justin will work on finding a class that is interested in going skating and assess how many helmet and skates are still needed if any. The \$500 is still in the budget for the Helmets and Skates if needed.
- WEFI Holiday Targeted Fundraiser will go towards “Nutrition for Learning” and “School Spirit and School Rejuvenation” including Murals to be painted reinforcing our focus on unity and building a sense of community.
- Garden money (do we need this in the budget?) Jess will follow up with Mr. Schiedel about whether there is a need for money this year.
- \$500 from the Charity Works will be given to another school in need. Krista will find the data that grades the schools on greatest need. She will bring this information to the January meeting so we can make this donation early in 2019.

Nicole presented 2 New Fundraisers :

1. Mom’s Pantry

www.momspantry.ca

Mom’s pantry will start this Friday November 16, 2018. With funds going toward school council initiative’s. It will conclude on December 3, 2018 with delivery/pick up date to be confirmed asap.

2. The Card Project

www.thecardproject.ca

This fundraiser will be aimed for a Mother’s Day fundraiser.

4) Fundraising Point People

- a. Greeting Card Fundraiser: Nicole
- b. Fit Fest: Amy, Amanda, Nicole and Erica.
- c. Moveathon: Karen and Shannon
- d. Book Fair: Andrea and Rochelle
- e. Spirit Wear: Sarah
- f. Dining Night Out: Erica

School Council Bylaws – are being worked on, Amanda and Justin are working to put something together to present.

5) Principal / Vice-principal Reports

- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Toasty Toes - collected close 1400 socks
- Volleyball Club taking place after school several dates this month.
- Dance of Kindness - Took place Saturday November 10th
- Caribou Club - about 55 kids taking part. Next test is tomorrow
- Singing at the Hockey Game - Saturday November 10th
- Primary Trip to the Symphony is happening next Wednesday
- Progress Reports went home Monday
- PD Day happening this Friday.

Opportunity to connect with teachers about progress.

- Extended Day open house is happening this Friday
- Clothing Drive November 22, 2018
- Family time in various kindie rooms are happening or have happened.
- Next Spirit Assembly - Theme of Resiliency
- Humane Society Visits - November 29th
- Space Quest Trip - November 27th

6) WRAPSC Update

- Looking for Kids to volunteer
- They are looking to develop an app or telephone message train to inform parents when a hold and secure procedure occurs.
- Committee is discussing a year round school year.
- Telephone town halls – register to sit in on sessions and it tells you what is happening in and around your area and Ontario, you can also voice your concerns about any grants that you were depending on and are not receiving.

7) Parent Questions and Concerns

- Caribou Math is a voluntary club for grades 3 to 6 that provides student an opportunity to test themselves with mathematics. It is supposed to be fun and while it does involve a competitive element this element is not pushed at Empire.
- Parent teacher interviews were discussed.
Some teachers have offered parents the opportunity to talk with the Teachers via Parent Teacher interviews. Other teachers have not been able to do the same. If you have concerns about your child you should reach out to your teacher to set up a time to discuss those concerns.

8) Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm