

Forest Hill School Council Minutes  
December 1, 2015

Attendance – Laura, Kelly, Andrea, Mr. Berndt, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Arsenault

Financial report – Laurie

- Little change from October

WRAPSC, November meeting – Andrea

- Want to promote engagement opportunities for parents across WRDSB, so if we want them to promote our events to parents from other schools, write [wrapsc@gmail.com](mailto:wrapsc@gmail.com) and they will post on Facebook and on PIC website
- WRAPSC / PIC event April 16, 2016 is being organized. If you want to help, contact [jordan2@rogers.com](mailto:jordan2@rogers.com)
- Discussion whether parents could have helped more during strike. “Volunteers are responsible to the Principal and work under the supervision of the teaching staff.” So no, we couldn’t have helped more.
- Talked about bussing students, particularly Kindergarten kids.
- Speaker came in to talk about Ontario College of Teachers

School update

- Job action: Secretaries and custodians have tentative agreement; EAs have settled, ECE not yet; all still need to settle locally (probably mid February before all has been settled, including teachers). Overall, school is running ‘normally’ again.
- Report cards are completed by teachers, now they can be edited. Progress reports coming December 16 (short version, up to end of October)
- Lunch lady: in past, we made ca. \$25 / month; will keep this on hold, see if someone comes forward to coordinate it. Administration won’t run it.
- Milk is being sold daily for \$1/carton; pizza starting next week (Gr 1-6). Kindergarten are preordering (per mth).
- Nutritious snacks – toured room where they’re prepared. Spending about \$1000 / week for snacks (Mon – Fri.). Many volunteers from outside school helping prepare food, receiving food and money donations. Will have another fundraising event, probably in April.
- Syria – our region is expecting about 1200 refugees (of these, about 900 are sponsored by government) in the next few months, about half are children. Forest Hill will also get new students, many can’t speak English. WRDSB is working out how this will work financially - our funding is based on the October student count.
- Winter concert December 8; also book fair; spirit wear sales; boot & coat giveaway; skate giveaway; gingerbread house raffle (money for WE team)
- Bus evacuation drill December 10, grades K-6
- Building kids repertoire at recess: certain grades can play soccer at each recess; exploring alternatives to soccer
- Subscribe to school website updates and have a chance to win 1 of 4 gift cards - until December 17. There are now 139, hoping for 200...
- Twitter also going well, several classes doing it: a fun or special moment in class; school: about education
- Craft club starting next week, every Monday.

Greening committee – no report

Funding allocations

- - Bussing for Chicopee tubing/skiing: \$1100 in Feb/early March
- - Chromebooks, iPads coming - about \$300 ea
- - Homereading books about \$5 each
- - Soccer equipment – each classe already got 1 ball; getting more, frisbees, skipping ropes, etc
- Proposal: that Council give \$500 to school now for homereading books, maybe more in spring. Laurie to write cheque to school. All in favour.
- **Action item:** discuss in January whether we pay for bussing to Chicopee. Also, Kelly and Laura to read Parent Council manual.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Next meeting Tuesday, January 12th