

Forest Hill School Council Minutes
February 9, 2016

Attendance – Laura, Kelly, Fiona, Laurie, Andrea, Mr. Berndt, Mr. Hughes

Financial report

- Main account balance Jan. 31: \$6947.37 Only action was cheque for \$250 for family whose father died; and cheque for \$200 for school welcome kits for Syrian children
- TreeGeneration - no action. Balance: \$4687.98

Greening Committee

- Got quote for path from Stonybrook: \$20,000 for an 8 ft wide asphalt path, 380 ft long; adding trees and mulch along pathway would bring total to \$25-30,000. Gravel chips instead of asphalt not good since they would wash away. Quote based on 8 ft width; could do only 6ft. How important is this pathway for the school community, compared to financing books, field trips, etc. City might contribute with funds; we can apply for grants. Can we back out of a grant if the project doesn't go through?

WRAPSC

- PIC Event April 16 “Strengthening Family School Relationships”
- Angela Mercier, Superintendent of Student Achievement and Wellbeing, spoke about Student Evaluation

Valentines Party – Friday, February 12 – Laurie and Fiona

- Need \$200 for supplies – all in favour
- Cupcakes, popcorn, snacks, water in jugs / cups
- Music – Fiona will prepare and bring tunes for the dance

Movie Night - April 1 – Fiona and Laurie

- Have lots of chips and drinks; just need popcorn. Request for \$65 to buy popcorn – all in favour.
- Need instructions how to set up and run movie. Mr. Hughes will write this up for us in case staff isn't available to help.

School update

- Report cards coming February 19.
- PD day February 26.
- Chocolate bar sales going well. The “opt-in” permission slips from parents are a good idea – this makes it more clear on what is expected from students / parents. The raised money will be used for field trips, planners, etc for families who have financial restrictions.
- Teachers held a memorial gathering for the Schouftas family, 2 years after the passing of their daughter; presentation of a memorial plaque for outside.
- Kindergarten registration is currently underway – register online, then come to school with the necessary certificates. So far 35 students for JK; we have 70 for SK next year. Might get 6 classes for next year. (submit numbers to Board in late March)
- February 10 is Grade 6 skiing; tubing at Chicopee March 4 (Gr. 1-5)
- Grade 6 camp February 17-19
- Wednesday February 24 is Spirit Day “wear pink”. The We Team is planning some activity.
- Gala Event fundraising for Snack Program on April 21.

PRO Grants

- need to specify what speaker / event the money will get used for.
- **Action Item:** have discussion at April meeting what we want to plan for PRO events for next school year.

Planning events

- **Action Item:** plan schedule of all events for 2016-2017 year in May
- **Action Item:** discuss in March if we will organize a Fun Fair this year.
- Vesey's Bulbs fundraiser in April, also Rain Barrels in April.

- Can council start some kind of reading club, perhaps for next year? Maybe a PRO Grant “family literacy night”, could have an author come. Discussion.

School Council Attendance

- Kelly has worked on a draft version of a flyer about School Council, to give parents information about what we do: our mission; some suggestions from the School Council Handbook; members, but everyone else is always welcome; why get involved; contact information
- How do we get new families involved?
- We should connect with other schools, WRAPSC to get ideas, suggestions on how to increase attendance.
- will contact other schools: Trillium PS, Queen Elizabeth, Crestview, AR Kaufman, Wilson.
- Perhaps hold a meeting at eg Chandler Mowat Community Centre? (more of an open discussion)
- Which time is best? Maybe right after school?
- Time? Location? Language? Childcare? Transportation?

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Next meeting Tuesday, March 8th