

Forest Hill School Council Minutes  
March 8, 2016

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

Update on Valentine's Party

- Successful, many children attended. All the food was eaten.

Financial report

- Main account balance as of February 29: \$5571.05. Movie night income was \$93.80, expense was \$128.73. Paid the \$1100 for busing to Chicopee. Treasure books net income was \$2780.
- TreeGeneration - no action. Balance: \$4685.48

Mission Review

- General discussion about changing our Mission Statement.
- Proposed new statement: "The purpose of council is to encourage family and community engagement to support our students' achievements and wellbeing in the school environment."

Proposal to move planning discussion for next year to April rather than May

- General discussion. Chandler Mowat Community Centre is willing to host us for our April meeting. We should discuss fundraising events, PRO grant ideas, plan events for 2016-2017 school year.

School update

- Winter carnival (last week) was run by Mr. Pacheco; it was very successful.
- Chocolate bar sales netted about \$6000 profit. This money is used for families who can't pay all school expenses
- Concussion policy from board - all staff did online training; any injury to head could result in concussion. Awareness = prevention. Symptoms ; screening. If there is no signs of a concussion, then school calls home to tell of incident. If signs, the family should go to the doctor to confirm if all is ok or not. If there is a concussion, there might need to be a change in learning plan for that child (no exercise). All wrt liability.
- Suspension notices are going out wrt lacking immunization.
- Snack Pack Gala April 21 – a fundraiser for our school community. You can get tickets through paypal, or you can write a cheque payable to "Forest Hill".
- 'School Day' Workshop for administration in April. This system will be used for field trip forms, paying for pizza, sharing news and class information with parents, etc
- Teachers will soon be starting with the new sex education curriculum.
- So far our school only got 6 Syrian students.

Greening update / Earth month activities

- April 1-15 Vesey's Bulbs fundraiser
- April 11 mulch delivery by Van Oordt; spreading mulch with classes on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- April 21 – 25 e-waste collection; need to lock the bin overnight
- Earth day cleanup April 20
- Rainbarrel Fundraiser – pick up on Saturday, April 23, 9am – 1pm

Are we having a Fun Fair this year?

- We have playground, etc - what do we need to fundraise for?
- Great sense of community though... maybe do it on a smaller scale
- Perhaps M & M can come, cook / sell the food
- All agree to do something. Change name so the children don't expect the same event as last year - eg 'family fun night'
- Idea that each class make up a basket for the raffle.
- Fiona and Kelly will lead this. Also Mrs. Arsenault will help.

Backpacks for Syrian families – postpone to April

Start, Stop, Continue – postpone

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Next meeting Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>