

FOREST HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday December 13, 2016

M I N U T E S

Present: Brad, Kelly, Andrea, Laurie, Denise, Fiona, Peter, Laura

1. Strong Start Speaker - postponed to next agenda.

Action Item: Laura/Kelly will follow up with her.

2. Financial Update

Finances - ~ \$8000 in the main account

Tree Generation ~ \$5000 in the account

Pathway is \$7000 and will be paid for 1/2 from each account above

Staff are needing a quiet room - funds will be given to furnish the room

Voted Decision: \$3000 from the Tree Generation account and \$3000 from the main account will be transferred to the school funds for pathway/other expenses.

3. Next steps from a Planning Perspective:

-Kidney Foundation clothing drive - a lot of work and storage issues right now at the school - maybe next year. Not a big fundraiser, but helpful for filling the clothing cupboard

-Fun Fair - it is a fundraiser and children/families love it

-Summer reading kits is something Fiona would like to repeat this year - her preference is to spend a little money (\$500) to grab books that are on the kids' top reading lists

-Field trip coverage/subsidizing would be much appreciated

-Headphones are a priority too

-Snack pack is always open to receiving funds

-There may be funds required to pay for fees for teams entering in the Lego Robotics competition that could be considered

Voted Decision: \$500 to go to the school for purchasing headphones

Voted Decision: Fiona has a pre-approved amount of up to \$500 for purchasing books for the summer reading program. Receipts will be submitted later for reimbursement.

Voted Decision: We are in favour of supporting the bussing costs for the tubing/skiing trips. The cheque will be written in February once full costs are charged.

4. WRAPSC position update: No meeting this month. Some of the meeting nights are open.

Action Item: Kelly will send out an email closer to the meeting nights asking for volunteers to attend

5. Math night - three teachers on board for this initiative. Planning will get started in January for March 2nd 630-8. Initial agenda is a welcome event to start with math games and activities in the classrooms for people to move through. There would also be learning activities (eg., Dreambox tutorial; sit in on a math lesson). Each family would leave with a math kit to take home. Coffee/tea/cookies - \$1000 grant is available to support this. Suggestion: Incorporate math tricks into the session.

Voted Decision: An amount of up to \$500 will be provided for math night expenses. Receipts will be submitted later for reimbursement.

6. Principals Go Public - the book fair is getting started for Thursday night concert night. CBC news interviewed Anne Campbell about the Snack Pack program. Gala will be at Doon Heritage Museum - April 5th evening. New Kindergarten report cards going out this year - they are focused on 4 areas of learning rather than subjects. Swim to Survive for Gr 3's, Vision Screenings are taking place, Staff went to the Open Door program at Carizon, Lego Robotics will be held this year - two teams will be entered in 2017

Decision: The January meeting will be cancelled - it falls on the second day back from holidays. Any items that require feedback prior to the February meeting will be distributed by email in January.