

Forest Hill School Council Meeting - Feb 14th, 2016

M I N U T E S

Guests: Anne Campbell, Erin Young

Present: Fiona, Brad, Peter, Virginia, Andrea, Kelly, Laura, Denise, Claire

1. Erin Young from Carizon dropped in - She supports Forest Hill School every other Thursday 9-12pm. Supports with Parenting and Child related topics (eg. Mental health, Temper tantrums; sleep concerns) in 1 hr consultation services and/or Parent Workshops (Coffee Connections). There is also Resource Coordination services (support for 1 family for 90 days on navigating the mental health system).

2. Anne Campbell on Snack Pack Fundraiser aka "gala"- bins with protein, grains, and fruit or veg go to each classroom. It is offered to all students. \$200/day = \$40,000 a year for the food. Nutrition for Learning gives FHPS a third of the amount. As a result, fundraising is an important part of making up the difference. Persuasive letter writing is part of the campaign as well.

How can we help at Parent Council:

-Buy tickets for the "gala" named More Green Eggs and Ham (Apr 6)

-Contribute Silent auction items

-Hang/hand out info cards for the event where they can be seen by others

-Be a parking person on the night of or sell tickets at the door on Thursday April 6th.

3. Financial Update - January report - Main account total \$6087 - ~1800 for Treasures Book (cheque yet to be cashed). Tree Generation total \$2102.39

4. Math Night Update - It will have a structured opening in gym (intro to math night) plus some displays. Following opening there will be drop in classroom visits throughout the school - each classroom focusing on different math elements (eg., online math resources; math literature; Rekenrek; math manipulatives, inquiry based math lesson) + take home bag with items.

Action: if you are able to help prep or volunteer on the evening of March 2 (Thursday night), please let Kelly know. Parent council could help with refreshments too

5. WRAPSC Update - Action: Kelly will forward the minutes to the council so we can review. Additional information included in the minutes on the PRO grant process that will be of interest.

6. Principals Go Public - More info on why math is a big focus. EQAO website is a resource for us; In parent box, click on results. In search box, input Forest Hill Public School to have the school results pop up. There are opportunities in math for primary and junior grades. If you click on the school report section, there is a detailed results report for primary and junior grades. In math, our school is below the board and province student results (primary and junior grades - this difference is quite pronounced for junior grades). The Comprehensive Approach to Math Instruction was shared with the council.

Interviewing for a new position in the office.

Death of a parent in the school community. Motion for gift card and card for family.

7. Homework club - an idea would be to have it after dinner one night a week. This would ensure that kids arrived with homework. Chandler Mowat is willing to give the Homework club a room and House of Friendship might be able to provide a student to support it - they have an existing homework club Tuesdays at 6:30

Action: If you are interested in participating, please let Fiona know.

8. April Planning Night discussion postponed to March agenda