

Forest Hill (FHL) School Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

School Library

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

In attendance:

K. Beitz, F. McAlister, A. von Weyhe, D. Benoit, M. Smith, P. Berndt (Principal), V. Baechler, L. Hunter, L. Park, B. Hughes (VP), C. Arsenault (Teacher)

Year-end updates:

Fun Fair Update:

The following participants have been confirmed:

- Tinker Truck (boat activity);
- Birds of Prey;
- Vehicle area (fire truck, police car, solar car and tow truck);
- Model train;
- Kitchener Public Library

Volunteers are still needed to assist with activities. Sign-up sheet for staff has been posted in the staff room. Twenty-five student volunteers (in total) from Laurentian Sr. P.S. and Queensmount Sr. P.S. have been confirmed. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor activities will be moved inside. Mr. Hughes will plug the Fun Fair website created by Fiona. Virginia confirmed signage for events. Mrs. Arsenault will confirm at a later date if she is available to do the face painting activity. Kelly will send a final e-mail to the Fun Fair committee prior to the event date. Laurie Hunter will confirm what games will be offered after checking supplies.

Summer Reading Kits (Fiona):

Forms have been sent and distributed to all classes; Most forms have been returned; Many requests for the "Goosebumps" series; many requests from the younger grades. Fiona will add a "sports" category for next year's distribution.

Survey (Denise):

Denise has taken on the initiative of surveying the community (i.e. parents) for feedback. A survey draft has been tailored and formulated to our specific needs using a *Survey Monkey* template. An online and hard copy option will be available. Participants are asked to choose one option only to avoid duplication in results. Survey will be compact and ideally able to complete within 5-10 minutes.

Action item: Council needs to determine if a draw prize will be offered as a survey incentive.

Action item: Denise will send draft via email to Council members for feedback. Mr. Berndt will finalize survey before it is distributed.

Locks and Grade 6 graduation update (Kelly):

It has been a Forest Hill tradition to purchase locks for graduating grade 6 students. In keeping with tradition, Laurie Hunter has purchased the locks (total: \$420) for the grade 6 students to keep as a memento. Fiona has decorated the locks for distribution at the graduation ceremony on June 26th.

Financial update (Andrea von Weyhe):

Andrea distributed a handout detailing the current status financial status of the TreeGeneration and Main Account (see attached). Note: the Pro Grant money will be reimbursed to Council.

Greening & Tree Planting update (Andrea von Weyhe & Laurie Hunter):

The Serviceberry graduation tree for the grade six students will cost \$365 (including a post and an engraved plaque). Laurie will poll the Grade 6 classes with regard to what saying they would prefer on the plaque.

Vesey's Bulbs fundraising: The top three classes that raised the most money will get an ice cream treat on Friday, June 16th.

Money is owed to rainbarrel.ca (rainbarrel.ca/fhtreegen) for the Rain Barrel sale in April.

The e-waste and clothing collection drive held the week of April 20-26th generated \$560 in revenue.

Treasure Book (treasureclub.ca) update (Laurie Hunter):

Format has changed from the traditional "book" to a "card".

Action item: Item has been tabled for September meeting. Council will decide if this fundraiser will go forth in its new format.

Principals Go Public (Brad Hughes and Peter Berndt):

Calendar items (Brad Hughes):

This time of the year is very busy with many upcoming activities scheduled for the coming weeks (KW Humane Society visit, Area Jr. Track Meet, Kitchener Public Library visit, Field Trip to Twin Valley Zoo, Canada 150 celebration, Fun Fair, Primary Play Day, Grade 6 graduation and Year-End assembly); consideration is being given to class makeup; our school soccer team played a game against Glencairn PS; Ms. McKay hosted a talent show to thunderous applause; transition visits for grade 6 students to Queensmount Sr. P.S; Grades 4-6 "win -it!" certificates and report cards distribution on June 26th.

Staffing Update (Peter Berndt):

Monday evening the WRDSB will make an announcement regarding all administrators; Board has looked at our needs and decided to make Charlene Scharlach (CYW) full-time at Forest Hill; We have received special funding from the province for special education teachers; a few teachers have moved from part-time to full-time status; a full-time Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) has been hired giving Forest Hill three full-time Special Education teachers; Ms. Jones is off on medical leave; Mrs. Ives has accepted a posting at Wilson Avenue P.S.; Mr. Moyer has accepted a posting at McGregor P.S.; Mr. Wilson has accepted a position at Sandhills P.S.; Mr. Pacheco has accepted a position at Breslau P.S.

Come September 2017, we will be down one Kindergarten class but we did not lose a full-time staff member; Mrs. Campbell class will be dissolved at the end of year with her students joining the other kindergarten classes for next year;

Hiring: We are currently hiring for the following teaching positions: Grade 2/3, French and Kindergarten. Hiring will be determined based on seniority.

The following items have been postponed until September 2017:

- No Mow area (Laurie Hunter):
Will we go forth with this initiative? A few members of council were concerned about ticks.
- “Sock Hop” dance to celebrate 60th Anniversary of Forest Hill P.S. (Fiona)
- Treasure Book fundraiser
- Draw prize for completing survey

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.