

Forest Hill School Council Meeting Tuesday Oct 17th, 2017.

Mission:

Forest Hill School Council partners with educators to encourage family and community engagement in support of student achievement and wellbeing.

In Attendance: Kelly Beitz, Fiona McAlister, Laurie Hunter, Monika Smith, Jennifer Drewitz, Shazeema Alam, Laura Park, Virginia Baechler, Mel Bristow, Matt Anderson, Heather Liddycoat, Shari Moritz (Junior French Teacher), Rebecca Fay (Vice-Principal), Brad Hughes (Principal), Crystal Tento, Jennifer Ryckman, Waseem Alam, Denise Benoit, Lea Vasiljevic

WRAPSC Rep for Forest Hill- Volunteer(s) needed:

WRAPSC : school council reps from the WRDSB. Meetings provide a forum for networking, support, and sharing of concerns, information, achievements and best practices. These are held the first Tuesday of October, November, February, April and May, and the second Tuesday in January. Unless otherwise noted, all WRAPSC meetings run from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. and are held in the library at: Forest Heights Collegiate Institute 255 Fischer-Hallman Rd Kitchener, N2M 4X8

Meeting dates for the 2017-18 school year are: October 3, 2017, November 7, 2017, January 9, 2018, February 6, 2018, April 3, 2018, May 1, 2018

If you are interested in attending meetings please connect with Kelly Beitz

Parent Survey: A survey was created by Denise to try to find out what the school community thinks and feels about school council, what barriers are preventing them from coming out or volunteering at the school. Council members were asked to make notes of any changes or additions they think could be added.

The survey will be sent out via the school website, Twitter and on Paper.

Forest Hill Website is fhl@wrdsb.ca

Twitter is @fhlwrdsb.ca

Instagram is foresthillpswrdsb

Forest Hill's TreeGeneration Report

-Current funds in account is \$3294.93

- Vesey's fall bulb sale raised \$970

- The grade six grad tree will shortly be voted on by the grade six classes. A planting date will be chosen for early November after locates are done. The dedication ceremony will happen in June after a quote is chosen to go on the plaque. Grade sixes will be asked to help mulch and water during the year to help care for the trees including their tree.

www.foresthillstreeneration.org check out older posts and pictures of before/after

Principals Go Public

- Thank you goes out to council members who held the “coffee with council”, it was successful and appreciated by parents and staff
 - Rebecca Fay read a selection from the founders of Plasticity. Forest Hill is chosen to be 1 of 13 schools in the region to part of the Pilot project to change to a more positive approach. October focus is Gratitude, November focus is Empathy
 - Photo retakes November 24
 - Progress Reports- November 13th
 - Forest Hill Choir to sing oh Canada at October 29th Kitchener Ranger game
 - Spirit Days are Friday's throughout the year
 - Halloween is going to be called dress-up day
 - Terry Fox Run raise over \$2000
 - Thank you to Mrs Gawley for running the chocolate bar fundraiser.
 - Intramural Volleyball starting for grades 5 and 6
 - The Snack Pack Program continues successfully. We have great volunteers.
 - We have have some great partnerships in our school
 - A community resource workers (Carizon)
 - A settlement worker (Ymca)
 - A community resource officer (WRPS)
- * * Continue to reach out to your child's teacher with any concerns or feedback. Brad Hughes and Rebecca Fay also available if you need them.

Fundraising for 2017-2018

Council account has a balance of \$415.90 and the Pic grant of \$500

School identified some areas they would like the financial support of School Council:

- HERO program -wall and gym displays, library resources and media
- Home reading books
- Outdoor equipment-basketballs, soccer balls, skipping ropes
- Technology replacements and upgrades
- Donation to snack pack program

Council wrote down ideas they liked as avenues for raising funds. The list included:

- Consumables: QSP chocolate, QSP magazines, Baden Coffee, Mom's Pantry, pepperettes, cheese, hotdogs, snow cones, smoothies, Elmira Poultry, Lunch Lady, Aunt Sarah's, Ice Cream, E Cause, Smencils, Bake Sale, Cookie/Muffin/Cake mixes, popcorn,
- Events: Food Fair, national food event, speaker on parenting topic, movie night, fun fair, art auction, Dance A Thon, Raffle, Popcorn Day, Grilled Cheese or Pancake Day, Sport Competition, Book sale, Book Auction, Candy Grams, Old Stuff Day (Mar 2), Coin Drive, Cook Book, E-Waste collection

The following people will research a fundraising idea to present to the council:

Heather - Lunch Lady

Matt -Chicken fundraisers

Kelly - Student art auction

Monica- Baden coffee

Denise- already has info on Mom's pantry

Fiona and Laurie- Movie Night in November (connect with Brad and Rebecca)

-other members can check out an idea and bring the information back to council meeting next month if they'd like.

Adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Next Meeting November 21st 6:30-8pm