

Forest Hill School Council

Date: Tuesday Feb 20, 2018

Present: Fiona, Kelly, Matt, Brad, Denise, Monika, Virginia, Laurie, Laura, Sherry

Regrets: Rebecca

1. Jennifer is the secretary now
2. Financial update

Overall balance correct. When accounts merged, everything put together. Work being done to correct into two columns

Approx:

School Council: \$10 000

Tree Generation: \$3300

3. Principals Go Public:

- Carnaval Event - Thank you to Sheri!!!!
- Parade of Nations, Olympic theme, Kindergartners participated in nutrition breaks
- Follow school Twitter account @fhlwrdsb for updates on what is happening at the school - Great work done by Mrs. Fay
- Coffee connections Thurs morning with Kristy Gall from Carizon - Parenting with Confidence
- March: Teresa Wikkerink, Parenting Now website presentation
- April/May: screen time session in the evening by Kristy
- LTO completed with Ana Bobanovic and Catherine Scott arriving as new staff member
- Christie VanDoormal on parental leave and extending to end of year. K4 teacher, Kristina Todd, remaining to end of year.
- No set day/evening for parent/teacher interviews.
- Thank you to staff for all the hard work on report cards.
- Vision services provided school by school support for vision screening. Now there is a vision hub at Forest Hill. Optometrist from UW and her students. Public school students can come to be assessed and begin fitting for glasses as needed.
- Ben Fanelli - Kitchener Rangers player shared story with Grade 3-6 students. Great fit with efficacy, hope and resilience. After presentation, went to Jr. classes for Q&A. Thank you Mr. Shouftas for arranging this.
- School board website - collecting input on board budget
- School snack program support. Instead of Gala, smaller more targeted initiatives. Try to gain support outside of parent community. Updated website - www.foresthillsnacks.ca. Menu of options for donations. Ways to help: share link on social media, if have contacts that may be able to contribute let them know the link
- **Brad to look into policy on school partnership to support snack program and bring to next meeting**
- Professional learning/collaboration activities - two teachers led session on creating IEPs, kindergarten system learning, learning for all sessions attended, ---special reading

support---,Forest of Reading program (province wide reading festival) - lots of great things happening!

- In general, transport costs are increasing. Scarcity, change in providers, costs vary widely between providers. There is a need for fundraising dollars in this area. Pay as you can opportunities for families can remain available. Principal association also communicating issue to the board
- Request that council contribute \$1937.56 towards Chicopee trip to cover transportation costs. Trip scheduled for March 2, 2018. Discussion.
- **Fiona motions** that school council will provide the funds to cover the cost of transportation to the Chicopee ski trip. Motion passed.

4. Art Night update

- Kristina Todd and three other staff met to discuss art night.
- Initiated as a fundraiser, but turning into more of a curriculum focus
- Tentative date is Thursday April 5, 2018 - week after Easter holiday
- Every student will make a piece of art for the event (4x6 pieces)
- Pieces of art would be sold for \$1 each = \$1 profit
- May be collaborative pieces that will be raffled. Gives more opportunity for a chance to win rather than having an auction with higher bidding.
- Art baskets/opportunities to raffle as well - contributions of supplies welcome. Clay and Glass museum may donate - Fiona to reach out. Heather will reach out to Cambridge and Guelph art shops.
- Photo op fundraiser
- Artist Pablo \$175/night to deliver sessions on cartooning/etc. Homer Watson gallery also has artist that might come, but details TBD.
- Idea to reach out to staff/parents who may want to run workshops
- Eastwood contacted, program coordinator to reach out to students to see if they are available.
- Could use \$950 from PRO grant towards this. No other curriculum nights planned this year.
- **Motion:** Kelly motions that council uses the PRO grant funds towards art night.
- Motion Passed.
- Suggestion to have a specific meeting for those interested in helping with art night.
- Monika brought information about Acorn Fundraising for consideration

5. Carnival Update

- Lead up activities to learn about Carnival
- Each class chose a country, decorated their door, made a flag, had a parade of countries
- Snow shoes were delivered from the board office. Students used throughout the week
- Grade 6's did an amazing job! A great success!
- Thank you to Denise for donating the ice. Thanks Denise and Kelly for your helping during the day.

6. Fundraiser Update

Lunch Lady January - sales doubled! Total raised = \$93. Was very smooth and easy. Profit was .50/lunch, could increase to \$1 if Grade 6's do the sorting at the school.

Pita Pit: Short window for first order, so not great uptake. May need to reissue form as some parents will want to order once and then decide about future orders after. First test day is this Thursday. Slow response from the company. To see how pita pit works out before making a final decision. Profit = .75/pita

JD Sweid chicken:

Order forms to come in by Friday. Delivery three weeks after (or more). Matt organizing. Delivery date will be scheduled after order placed.

First Aid Emergency Kit: Denise provided information on First aid emerg kit fundraiser for Emergency Preparedness week(end of month - April 15-20th). 40% profit. \$100 min order. Penalty for not meeting minimum is the school has to pay for shipping, otherwise the shipping is free. Different kits for different prices. Ultimatefundraising.com. **More ideas to come next meeting.**

Funfair- Fiona leading

Preparations to begin. **To be an agenda item for March.**

Suggestion by Monika to contribute to improving the stock of home reading materials for the school with fundraised \$\$.

Used book sale next year as fundraiser for this?

Next meeting Agenda:

- **Traffic/parking safety**
- **Denise's fundraising update**
- **Funfair**

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 20, 2018