

JSPS School Council Nov 15, 2016

In attendance: Andrea Michelutti, Kelly Wildi, Stephanie Morris, Jennifer Poortinga, Chris Ryan, Jennifer Prince, Aniko Kasos, Lori Peebles, Ana Cabral, Christine Bunz, Jaime Demsey, Rebeca Klein, Cole Alan (HCA), Ritu Rajan (HCA) (14 in total)

Call to order - Kelly Wildi - 6:00 pm

Spending Requests

Andrea Michelutti brought forward wish list items to be purchased through council fundraising (\$24 00 for the year). Items in no particular order

- 1) Projectors and document cameras \$7800 -move a thon goal
- 2) French Immersion - on line reading book accounts - 2 different programs- each student would receive a licence for an online account - \$350 (annual fee)
- 3) Home Reading program (English texts)- \$3000 to replace and add more texts to level A and B
- 4) Music - \$1000 for buses to go to a recorder concert (grade 3-8), \$700 for a performance by Michael Mitchell to come to the school
- 5) Math manipulatives - \$5000 for new materials and to accommodate growing number of students in the building
- 6) 10 more Chromebooks
- 7) Junior and intermediate teachers have asked for a school tent with a banner/school logo to take to outdoor events \$500
- 8) Littlebits kits - coding and robotic kits \$1500
- 9) French home reading books \$2000
- 10) Grad committee has asked for \$500 towards graduation
- 11) Cordless mic - Price TBD

SIDE NOTE: Right now there is a board initiative for schools to turn in desktop computers at a 1:3 ratio (for every desktop computer schools will get 3 Chromebooks) - Andrea is hoping as a school they will trade 40 desktops in to replace with Chromebooks. This would bring up the total number of Chromebooks in the school to about 180.

- Council decided to delay buying anymore Chromebooks until the school participates in this initiative.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly DeCoppel (send regrets)

- Kelly has been away she will send out a treasurer report by e-mail in the near future
- Just over \$7000 was made from the move-a-thon fundraiser (around \$7300)

Motion was made by Kelly to approve the spending of \$7800 for document cameras and projectors- Ana seconded motion. Brief discussion occurred followed by a vote and all were in favour.

Discussion then followed regarding the various fundraising requests:

- The importance of home reading needs - for both French and English texts

- The precedent set by subsidizing field trips (Last year we gave \$3.00 per student towards a field trip - council felt this money is better spent by pooling the money together for larger items)
- Suggestion - Intermediate students use fundraising from popcorn to buy tent if we commit to supporting graduation request (although this expenditure will be considered at a future meeting closer to graduation)

After discussion proposed spending was:

French Immersion online reading accounts - \$350

Home Reading (English) - \$1000

Home Reading (French) - \$1000

Robotics/Makerspace tech - \$500

Motion to approve proposed spending list made by Kelly Wildi - vote occurred - All in favour - motion passed.

- Suggestion moving forward that we survey our school community to see what kind of fundraising initiatives that they would like to support (i.e. community building events like movie nights vs a fundraising campaign selling an item)

Boomerang Lunches

- Primarily happening in Kindergarten classes and Gr 1 and 2 - some older grades are participating - it is up to the teacher
- Some classes do rinse out containers - K and grade 1 because they have access to sinks
- There is no easy way to rinse containers in the portable

Current Reasoning:

- Teachers feel it's not feasible in a school this large with modular spaces
- A few classes have students sending in a resealable container for their banana peels etc.
- Teachers are happy to spend time in the classroom to teach about boomerang lunch mentality

Comments to consider moving forward:

- Schools larger than this school can handle recycling programs (i.e. secondary schools) JSPS could look at their models when and if a staff member becomes interested in facilitating an environment or ECO club
- Secondary schools have to spend time training students how to recycle when they come from feeder schools that implement a boomerang lunch
- Using resealable baggies to bring items home, in the end creates more waste

If parents want to discuss this issue further they are encouraged to speak to their individual classroom teachers.

Principal Report: Andrea Michelutti

- Remembrance day assembly - was a beautiful event and students were very well behaved
- Parking - this is still an ongoing issue.
 - Parents are getting to school late and want to drop students off at the front door

- There was almost an accident in the parking lot the other day.
- Andrea will continue to put reminders about this issue in her communication home. She will also put pylons in the parking lot.
- Parents have been sharing licence plates of parents who are concerning - Andrea has been forwarding these to the school officer
- Doors - reminder to parents to use the front door and sign in if you are visiting or dropping into to school to pick up/drop off your children
- Future School events- a sign in system using School Day for school events like open houses will be put in place- families will quickly check in or sign in on their way into the building
- PD DAY- Kindergarten teachers will look at new curriculum documents, Grade 1 teachers will be looking at math fluency
- in the afternoon teachers will be holding parent teacher interviews
- Vandalism has occurred in some of the boys washrooms recently - the issue is being monitored and will hopefully be addressed and rectified soon

New Business:

- **Question** regarding tax receipts from move-a-thon. Tax receipts were not issued through Professor Jamz - receipts were only issued through WEFI - see previous School day announcement/instructions
- **Question from HCA** - is school bringing or setting up gymnastics equipment in the school in the spring? HCA needs to have their programming submitted in the next few weeks so they would like to know if HCA programming needs to be cancelled or rearranged
- **Information:**
 - HCA will send upcoming events to Andrea and she will send it out on School Day
 - HCA meets every third Tuesday of the month in the library at 7:00 - they are always looking for new members
 - Holiday performance is not happening this year - an effort is being made for a larger production to coincide with the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday later in the year
 - Attendance is still an issue. Andrea is continuing to research how other schools have been handling this problem. A letter will be going out to parents expressing concerns over lateness.
- **Reminder** - lunch lady options are available. There was a suggestion made to have a communication blast to remind parents hot dog lunches are not happening - but hotdogs can be bought through the lunch lady programs

Next Meeting: February 28 at 6:00pm

(Please let Andrea or Kelly know if there is a clear or urgent need for a meeting before this date)

Recall: Parent Council e-mail: jsp.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

