

Meadowlane School Council

MINUTES

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2018

7:00 – 8:15 PM

LIBRARY

Principle: Phillip Sallewsky, Staff Representative: Andrea Hill

Chair: Alyssa Vasey

Members: Sandy Pacey, Kristi O'Kelly, Heidi Sider, Deborah Snider, Caitlin Jacobs

AGENDA TOPICS-

1. WELCOME – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER'S MINUTES

DISCUSSION

- 1 revision – (Under misc. discussion section) Sparks Fly Bikes cost \$725 each
- Heidi approved the minutes and was seconded by Deborah

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION

- No activity since last meeting
- Still waiting for HST news

3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DISCUSSION

- Remembrance Day Assembly was a great success!
- Volley ball club is going well
- Coding club will be starting soon
- Pizza and Milk programs are going well
- Carolling night to be held prior to Christmas break, invite families, serve hot chocolate, hold in conjunction with book fair
- Teachers are discussing an Arts Concert/Arts Event
 - Teachers have concerns about event performance
 - Council in favour of evening performance
- Monthly spirit days to be held, will often coincide with assemblies, not yet planned – in the works
- No Staffing changes
- Things going well overall – good energy from the staff
- **NEW RULE:** Sliding in winter: No sliding on snowy/icy hills before or during school, after school until 3:40 or with a parent
 - Individual classes will go sledding
- Everyone is encouraged to go to Phillip with any questions or concerns

4. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

DISCUSSION

- Things are in the works
- Playground to be installed in the first week of December

5. FUNDRAISING

DISCUSSION

- Got rid of popcorn program this year
ACTION: Kristi to look into doing popcorn again
- Funfair Raffle funds will fund outdoor play equipment – fundraising use has been submitted
- Rheo Thompson fundraiser ongoing
Will wait to see the total funds raised before deciding how to allocate the funds
- Council can revisit funding requests in January meeting

6. CURIOSITY CONVENTION

DISCUSSION

- No update since last meeting
- Staff are keen, questions about how to run it, should it be in the evening
 - Council is in favour of an evening event along, projects would be also displayed the following day for students to see
- Will be announced after Winter break, to be held in February or March

7. MISCELLANEOUS

DISCUSSION

- Frequency of screen time in classrooms discussed
 - There are no board guidelines, up to teacher discretion
 - Is it possible for parents to be given more concrete information about how much they are using screens on a regular basis, in order for parents to better monitor child's total screen time
 - ACTION: Phillip to bring up with teachers
- ACTION: Phillip to look into bouncy band
- Caitlin reached out to Sparks Fly to try to connect with a program rep, has not heard back
ACTION: Caitlin will follow up to try to get someone to talk to council about the program

PROPOSAL

SPRING SCHOOL PLAY - proposed by Caitlin (not to replace Arts Concert)

- Would need 1 or more staff volunteers
- Open to grades 1-6
- 2 performances: 1 matinee + 1 evening
- Looking for a play with a flexible cast, wide appeal, approx. 45 min run time
- Play not finalized yet – still open to council/teacher input and ideas
- Production assistant roles offered to older students, students to be involved in all aspects putting on a production
- Main roles can be divided
- Aiming to announce the play in January, will hold student info meeting in January to gauge student (and parent) interest before script is finalized.
- Auditions (for main speaking roles), final script, and casting in February
- Play will ramp up after the Curiosity convention has wrapped up, and will finish well before the Funfair

- Schedule TBD – will be based on the day 1-5 schedule, Rehearsals will be mostly at breaks, with some afterschool rehearsals, Day 2 and 5 first break in the gym is already booked
- Parents will be given a mailer, prior to auditions, outlining the requirements of participation. Main cast members will need to be able to attend certain afterschool rehearsals
- Some fundraising will be necessary – Should popcorn sales go toward the play? Do we ask a small participation fee to cover basic budget?
- Initial budget ask was \$575, would be able to do more if more funds are raised
- No decision about funding play to be made until the new year – School to cover cost of script and rights - \$100, pending final decision
- ACTION: Caitlin to connect with Andrea Hill re: mailer and info meeting

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 16, 2018