

Minutes for Millen Woods Parent Council Meeting January 17, 2018

7:05pm

- Dan proposed motion to approve January agenda. Approved.
- Dan proposed motion to approve November minutes. Approved.

Administration Report (Trish)

Crew Day

- K-6 FI & Eng. mixed (30 kids per crew). Will split each crew into two colours
- Jan 31st – name tags, logo, ship name and chant will be decided on
- Crews will plan Acts of Kindness will take place within school, child care and possible community
- Scott Graham (Kids4Kids) Presentation on bullying
- Staff is seeing children using the strategies and words he presented
- He runs Kids4Kids leadership after-school program.
- Proposing to council to offer this at Millen

Feb. 28 Upcoming Speaker

- speaker Sara Westbrook – Confidence, resilience, respect and mental well-being.

Feb. 20-23 Jungle Sport

- classified as higher risk activity therefore a form will be coming home soon for parent signatures
- Theatre Company presenting in Spring: Jillian Jiggs and the Tree Boy

Supervision

- staff discussing language to equip children with to deal with problems and problem resolution
- decision to increase supervision
- schedule committee has been formed and they have revamped the schedule and areas
 - sweeper role has been included to ensure children are out of building
 - walkie talkies
 - teachers have clipboard with bandaids and incident form
 - incident form allows for easier follow-up and tracking of incidents

Pizza

- survey of children will take place to find their thoughts on Maestros

Math

- Sandra McVannel, Kate Webber and Ellesse Schoppel and Trish are at differentiation math workshop
- MathUp being offered to Grade 5/6 – Ellesse will present to teachers

- Learning series has been offered to teachers by the Ministry (release days offered for teachers to attend)

Musical instrument update - jump to Finance (Dan & Rozy)

- \$1000 was paid by council towards the instruments purchased
- Winter Wonderland – there was no budget line therefore needs to be added if continuing next year

Winter Wonderland Feedback

Council parents were very happy with everything

Ornaments were a hit and snowmen

Artwork was well received

Upcoming Staff Leaves (Trish)

- Maternity leaves are taking place and Ms. Lupos is returning – these positions will be opening up.
- Ms. Lupos with Grade 1 English half returning end of January
- Mrs. Cangiano Grade 2/3

Pizza Volunteer Request (Sarah)

- Jana volunteered to cover date help required on

Dance-A-Thon (Amy & Richia)

- Require a couple volunteers to assist Richia – a volunteer for the morning or the afternoon - volunteers organized
- Dance-a-thon Calculations - Monday Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm - volunteers organized

Fundscrip (Richia)

- Richia proposed moving fundraiser up two weeks so that cards arrive earlier. Will then bump up QSP as well.
- Volunteers are required to distribute the cards next year.

Robotics in the Classroom

- Trish will organize Tech Club Presentation in February
- Trish suggested BrickWorks week of robotics in the classroom last week of April or first week of May (first week of May is a 4 day week due to PD Day)

Movie Night (Dan)

- Thursday April 12, prior to the PD Day on Fri April 13
- Planning will take place at February meeting including movie selection. Review of plan for the evening

Playground (Dan)

- There is confusion around the Board's current loan practices. We may not receive a loan.
- 30' x 30' space
- Cost of structure minus site prep (assuming board takes care of this) – we have some funds set aside that could be deferred – would have appx \$27,000 to work with
- Currently have \$20,000 without pulling from other areas in the budget.
- - we could pull from other areas in the budget such as instrument reserve (\$2000), Robotics (\$5000)
- Richia presented three new plans from BLUE IMP
- Trish suggested that Fun Fair money could be donated to playground.
- Motion to remove Robotics \$5000 and put towards playground. Passed.
- Motion to remove musical instrument fund \$2000 and put towards the playground. Passed.
- Vote to increase playground budget to \$30,000. Vote passed.

Playground Next steps:

- Sarah will have Jambette submit three new quotes
- Council will receive 6 drawings to vote on.
- Top three will then be voted on by school community
- Feb. 21st we will discuss

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 - Next meeting February 21st