

## **Minutes for Millen Woods Parent Council Meeting March 21, 2018**

### **7:05 (Dan)**

- Attendance sheet
- Review and approval of Mar. agenda & review and approval of Feb. minutes

### **Administration Report (Trish)**

- April 4<sup>th</sup> speaker in to talk to kids about potential after school program (handling conflict and setting boundaries)
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Crew Day – dividing each crew into green and blue teams where they will play/compete with other teams in school
- April 10 & 24<sup>th</sup> Crew Days – building power maps based off Sarah Westbrook presentation
- Earth Week Activities 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> including clean up and gardening as well as power off activities at school and home (more info will be sent home)
- May 22-June 4<sup>th</sup> EQAO for Gr. 3 & 6 – planning with staff taking place now
- Staffing season starting up – enrollment is down by approx. 20 students
  - May lose a teacher or two but won't know until numbers go in and Staffing Plus program dictates classes for next year
  - At this point in time it looks like: 8 classes of FI & 6 Eng classes (mostly split classes for Eng & FI). PLUS 3 kindie classes.
  - Staff assignments in late May & specific class (teacher for Sept) info will be shared in report cards in June
  - Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> – Fun Fair 5:30-7:30pm (rain or shine)

### **Dance-a-thon Report (Amy)**

- Day went well overall
- Amy suggests we wait and hand out envelopes in January if we are having the Dance-A-Thon at same time next year.

### **Continuing Business**

#### **Playground design review, approval and community survey (Trish & Dan)**

- Moved proposed area back and in a bit. It will include a path from the city path to the playground for accessibility, provided by the board.
- Sarah's notes read by Dan – Alex worked on revisions for playground Penciled in for Open Space installation last half of August
- Board will pay for site prep. Community volunteered to spread surface (Renée suggested letting community know of need for volunteers sooner than later)
- We are under budget
- 35' x 40' is proposed site size
- Two newest options shared with group (include additional monkeybars) – option three coming soon

- Trish suggested having a slideshow with three options in library on Movie Night so parents can see what they are voting on – then vote through Survey Monkey
- Once revised quotes and third option are available they will be shared with council via email
- Richia will email Sarah to touch base - Renée & Dan offered to help with Survey Monkey

### **PRO Grant (Jana)**

- \$1000 to spend on technology (Robotics) this school year – engaging parents into children's education
- Options
  - 2 sessions of Brick Works (40 children each)
  - Engineering Science Quest – more people included– would run two hours and include 5 or 6 in classroom activities and some unstructured time in gym.
- Richia proposed vote: all members in favor of ESQ
- Jana & Trish will select a date for ESQ

### **New Business**

#### **Volunteer Recruiting (Richia)**

- Suggested offering volunteer opportunities to greater school community
- Richia will be volunteer coordinator & will send out a request for volunteers

### **2018-2019 PRO Grant application:**

- Ideas
  - If ESQ goes well it could be run again (Trish)
  - Math Night (hire organizer who takes care of all of it)
  - Parent engagement with someone like Sarah Westbrook who spoke with the kids "I'm your parent not your friend." Talk on Healthy Boundaries. – unsure of cost but we could look at pooling money to have a talk
- Council voted all in favor of guest speaker aimed at parents within community
- Jill & Amy on sub-committee to narrow down guest speakers

### **New Fundraising ideas (Richia)**

- Currently: magazines, gift cards, Dance-A-Thon, Pizza
- Renée said a parent approached her about Fresh from the Farm Ontario
  - Schools retain 40% of the sales. One time drop off at school. Volunteers would sort items and pack. September launch would take place and could happen again in the spring if it goes well.
  - Applications for fall open April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Richia will look further into Farm fundraiser
- Mabels Labels & Lovable Labels – Ashley will look into registering school with one or both
- Elmira Poultry (possibility for future)
- Jana – PD Day camp within the school could be big fundraiser

- Brief discussion around what other food options are available for students (Pitas, subs, etc). Renée will look at list of options – ask Trish what she would be comfortable with offering.

**Movie Night (Dan)**

- Popcorn – Jill & Sarah will run it

**8:14 pm Adjournment (Dan)** - Next meeting is April 18, 2018