

## **Mary Johnston - Parent Council Meeting Feb 15, 2017**

**Attendees:** Mary-Evelyn Lather, Trish Coupal, Jenna Ferguson, Heather Andrews, Jill Magazine, Jill Pauls, Sunnie Hallman, Dianne Lapierre, Anne Schott, Tara Latchford, Sheila Thomson, Shannon Gustar, Karin Bileski, Harish Pawagi

### **Karin Bileski:**

- Report cards are going home soon – Feb 17, 2017
- Staffing changes – teacher coming back and teacher moved on to another school
- Extra-curricular – a lot going on – access “Tweets” on school web site
- Weekly updates are on the school web site and are connected to School Day

### **Heather:** Update on budget

- See budget sheet for details
- Main source of funding comes from pizza sales
- Pita money has come in
- Some home reading and math kit expenses

### **Proposal to pay for bus shuttle to Seussical**

- Motion: council will pay up to \$1000.00 to cover the cost of bus
- Motion passed

### **Jill: SCIS & PIC Update**

- Ministry of Education requesting information about well-being
- Townhouse next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Board’s strategic direction – register on web site
- SCIS team – discussing well-being, 6 students involved from different classrooms, community member on board (PhD student, psychology, studies bullying, well-being)
  - Concerns with students feeling safe at school, there is a survey for community/parents to complete (in spring)
  - Sessions with students, asked them to write about an experience of feeling unsafe at school (if they had experienced one); some had current/ongoing safety concern
  - Working on solutions/strategies to resolve feeling unsafe at school and to promote healthy relationships at school+: library would have a box where student may put their feeling/concern on “form” and where they may request to talk to someone about it
- Feb 22 is pink shirt day

- Karin – discussed self-regulation, mindfulness, “Tools for Life”, KidsLink, discussing feelings, respectful listening, mental health strategies
- Parent/teacher/school all work together on well-being
- Council for School Board – developing materials for parents on various topics, recent topic on healthy relationships
  - 5 volunteers: Anne, Sunnie, Harish, Heather, Shannon will read the material and give feedback to Jill
- Mindfulness in the Family – Mindful Mama – Karin will post details on web site and will be linked to School Day
- Various reasons why students are afraid at school (students feel nervous in washrooms, outside on playground as examples)

#### **Sunnie:**

- Move-a-Thon is ready to go, donations are not required however school is wanting to purchase gym equipment and will accept donations for that purpose
- Dinner-and-a-Movie: June 13, 2017, food trucks, will raise money through Class Baskets – if you would like to assist, please let Sunnie know
- Proposal: Maker Space, Karin some teachers are doing this in their classrooms, suggestion to reach out to community employers for donations for Maker Space

**Math night** – involve parents in how to assist children in grade 7 and 8 math

**Steam Fair** – March 8, 2017

School sponsored student from Germany, he is reuniting with his family and he is visiting the school Feb 27, assembly for the students to meet him

**Next meeting** – April 19, 2017