

Mary Johnston Public School – School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

7:00 pm

Welcome and Introduction

- Present: K.Bileski, S.Hallman, S.Thomson, K.Macleod, D.Lapierre, H.Andrews, S.Gustar, H.Pawagi, T.Latchford, J.Pauls

Principal's Update

- Classes are working away at all kinds of learning. In November and the beginning of December, teachers presented their students at a class review. This is where we track all students. We discuss academics, social and emotional and any new relevant information. We discuss next steps to ensure all students are developing in great ways.
- Teachers continue to discuss, learn and share while building capacity in Mathematics. Recently, teachers have had a half-day of PD with a Comprehensive Math learning focus.
- There are many extra-curricular activities: Ski club, Seussical, Coding Club and choir. Kids are settled in and busy!
- Communication: Karin and Michelle met with the WRDSB communications department. Their advice is to drive all traffic to the school website, the benefit being that everything about MJ is stored on this site for easy reference. We will ask parents to subscribe to the website so that an email alert is sent when there is a new post.
- The calendar on the website is now up and running, we are adding items daily.
- Twitter highlights the 'in the moment' action during the day. The feed is on the sidebar of the website parents do not need a Twitter account to access the pictures.
- We will continue to use School Day for school information, classroom information and purchasing items. Links to the website will be provided, as is the current practice.

Council Matters

Treasurer's Report

- Pizza has been only major revenue at this point included in the budget
- Some smaller costs include Math Kits, Character Development tools for teaching and classrooms,
- Bus Trip allocation going to be moved over to Bus Account – easier for teachers to monitor and use independently
- Additional Chrome books also have been purchased – extra students enrolled

- Home Reading – funds to be transferred over shortly – M Kieswetter to help H Andrews determine what needs to be moved over with respect to funding

WRAPSC

- Upcoming meeting on April 8th at Bluevale Collegiate
- Parent Engagement Themes, All information on the WRAPSC website

Move – A - Thom

- March 1st at noon – Pre-assembly to get kids pumped up!
- March 23rd Move a Thon date
- Main fundraiser goals to help raise \$ - Scooter Racks and new gym equipment
- S. Hallman to send out communication letter to parents regarding Move A Thon

Seussical

- April 4,5,6
- Location – Sir John A Macdonald (Recent* change)
- No fundraising opportunities – 70 min performance and no intermission

Pitas

- New order forms just went out Jan.18th to classes
- New forms had 6 orders on there (1/month) to cover off remainder of the year – may need to re-visit pita ordering strategy for next year

Dinner and a Movie

- February 8th preliminary meeting to help formalize and decide a date
- Some suggestions at meeting: Picnic option for families, healthier food choices, various pricing levels
- Goal is Community building, Make visible all options (Picnics, food trucks, ice cream ,movie night, candy snacks etc)
- Possible food vendors: Freshii, Subs, Pitas

Spirit Wear

- Orders are coming, apologize for the lateness

**Next Meeting
February 15th**

Respectfully submitted by J. Pauls