

Mary Johnston School Council Minutes

April 18, 2018- 7pm

In attendance:

Jenna, Jill, Bill, Harish, Mary Evelyn, Tara, Karin, Trish, Farhan, Noor, Janice, Francine

1. Welcome and Introduction – Bill

2. Principal's Update – Karin

- Junior Intramurals ongoing
- Coding club ongoing
- Me to We, LIT & Mindfulness groups formed
- Caribou Math contest a favorite for the kids this year
- Dreambox math – only a few licenses available right now (Grade 2 and 3), Future budget item possibility for next year
- Math Up program – current pilot program in Grade 4, may be asking for funding in the future
- EQAO – dates published in school newsletter, May 22-28 Grade 3, May 29 – June 4 Grade 4
- Office renovation – Office will be moved to the front literary room so they will be the first face for people coming into the school, New health room to be incorporated into the new design, May 28 is moving date for the office move, they will be relocated to the library in the meantime
- Walk to School – May 9th is the next big Walk to School day, Colleen Cooper has offered to help develop walking school buses for the school and they are still working on a date for initial meeting, Stay tuned
- Bullying prevention – LIT assembly to stand up for bullying, was a big success, they video taped and showed the school their bullying skits, next project is Earth Day, presentations to be presented at school assembly
- SCIS group – 13 kids in the group, an avenue to voice concerns and thoughts about what is going on in their school, 3 student teachers and 2 tutors circulate through the school
- Kindergarten registration ongoing
- Kindergarten Open house – June 14th
- Grade 6 Graduation – June 27th
- Volunteer Tea – Thursday May 17th – Personal invitation to volunteers to be coming out
- School day – concerns about timing of cancellations, may have to do with server/communication issues. Best for families to subscribe to the website, an email will be sent when there's a new post.

2. Council Matters

- Financials – Jenna
 - Jenna and Sunni met with Michelle to resolve some solutions
 - June 2017 \$5500 left in account so beginning of this school year

- \$26,500 for pizza collected, profit approx. \$10,000 once all calculated in the end
- Slightly < \$700 for ESNS, \$6700 Move a thon profit, \$79 Mabels/Labels, \$290 Used book sale
- \$3500 character development and chrome book
- Nothing paid out for gym equipment and scooter racks as of yet, difficulty sourcing lockable scooter racks
- Reserve fund – to be discussed in the next meeting, to go on the agenda
- The used book sale funds do not go into school council funds but to the school itself for home reading
- Used book sale amount of \$217.20 is an expenditure not a revenue – to be adjusted
- ESNS –viability for next year to be discussed, Pita only returning could also be an option
- 15 % restriction on the total revenue ‘rule’ to be discussed at next meeting, difficult to plan around when amount is unknown until the end of the year

- Volunteers needed to run/help run Nutrition for Learning (Shared position), Move-a-Thon, Math Kits, Coffee and Kleenex, and Home Reading for next year – Volunteering update for next meeting

- Dinner and Movie night - Thursday June 14th – more details to follow, outline to be provided to Janice about the night as a whole to help inform parents (especially new parents coming to be school)

- Next meeting Wednesday May 16th

- Principal Profile Form discussion