

## **Minutes - School Council Meeting Nov 15, 2017**

### **Walk to School Presentation – Guest speaker, Leslie Maxwell School Travel Planner**

- Looking at installing bike racks using funds from the school board and the region
- Mary Johnston is a walking school, was deemed a walking school in 2008
- Proposal sent for funding for more bike racks – waiting on Board for answer
- Need bike racks to support “walking school”, a proper place to store bikes
- Discussion around ways to reduce traffic at the school
- Want to promote walking, biking to school
- Concerns regarding lack of crossing guards at some areas – discussion on how to request crossing guards
- Trail Blazers program – to raise visibility of walk to school – students wear vest
- Going to form a “Working Group” committee to meet once a month. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let Mrs. Bileski know

### **Principal's Update**

- Bike Racks purchased through fundraising. Two concrete pads installed this past summer– Board paid for them
- We raised money for the bike racks through Move-a-Thon, racks are currently being installed; delay due to a change in staffing for Grounds manager
- Students are settled in and busy, Progress Reports sent home this past Monday, Parent interviews this week and next
- Students are very busy with Magazine sales, Poinsettia sales and many extra-curricular activities
- For the upcoming PD day on Friday - teachers learning together, reviewing school improvement goals – Math and Wellness goals will be developed. Teachers share tools/teaching techniques.
- SCIS Team (Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Team)– Parent members, Harish Pawagi, Karen McLeod, community member Jennifer Hepditch, Mrs. Bileski, Mrs. Taylor and Mme Moser met this past week – discussed what is going on in the school, bullying issues, discussed language around bullying and will develop a goal and action items for this year.

### **2017 EQAO Results - Report to Council**

- Reviewed results for grade 3 and grade 6 testing this past spring
- the test is a small snapshot – consider other data such as report cards and daily learning
- focus on improving our Math scores through a deeper understanding of Math pedagogy – the underlying goal is to ensure our students know their Maths
- See Karin if you have questions/comments and would like further discussion
- the school report is easy to find on the EQAO website

## **Budget**

- Reviewed budget, fundraising events and anticipated fundraising for this year
- For details on budget – see Budget sheet
- Budget motion by Sunnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill
- Budget approved

Coat Drive will be run on November 28, bring in clean coats, boots and winter items.

Reviewed “What kind school do you want”? from the September meeting

**Next meeting date: Jan 17, 2018**