

Mary Johnston School Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Sunnie – Welcome everyone

Colleen from Cancer Society - Walking School Bus

- working getting the walking school bus initiative going at Mary Johnston
 - need some volunteers to walk students on the 'bus' to school – 2 adults needed per "bus"
 - there are 3 proposed routes (not set in stone)
 - there are specific start times for each route
 - why? Kids need more activity, less traffic at school, less cars means increased safety
 - leaders (adults) have police check and training
 - would like to launch as soon as possible
- www.cancer.ca/walkingschoolbus

Sunnie – summary of what school council does: fundraising, math kits, home reading, Nutrition for Learning, Pizza days, Monday ESNS, coffee and Kleenex for Kindergarten etc.

Principal's Welcome and Update – Karin

- Welcome everyone for attending meeting
- Office renovations are almost completed – reason for the renovation: "safe welcome", have visitors visible to office staff upon entering the school
- Karin thanked Sunnie and Francine for coffee/Kleenex
- 7 students chosen to go to We Day – attending with Mme Shantz
- Terry Fox – goal is to raise \$4000.00, teachers will have a surprise fun celebration if goal is reached
- Coat Exchange – collecting coats, snow pants, boots until Oct 16, 2018
- Lead in the Water – concerns about Lead – system is flushed daily and meets the standard, Karin met with Environmental Officers, if you have any questions talk with Karin
- QSP Magazine sales will happen again this year – fundraising money goes to incidentals (extra bus trips, grade 6 camp, gym equip etc)
- MJ Food Bank Fun Run Oct. 10– will be during the day – Mr. Howard is organizing
- Staff changes minimal this year – Welcome to Mrs. Clifton, Mrs. Cudney
- Fire drills, tornado and lockdown drills for practice
- Progress reports will be out Nov 12 and PD day for parent-teacher interviews Nov 16, communication very important, connect with your child's teacher
- Spirit Wear – on sale until Sept 28, 2018

Sunnie – Election of Candidates for School Council

- Motion to accept acclamations moved by Mel and seconded by Harish

Treasurer's Report – Jenna – review of budget, note that cost of school buses has increased to \$180/trip.

Sunnie – discussed PALS – vote on paying for bus transportation to Vista Hills

- motion to pass paying \$320.00 for bus - passed
- pizza Fridays, pizza for everyone
- ESNS – bringing this back this year – Mondays
- Move-a-thon – we need a volunteer for this event
- Drop off night in December – raised \$400.00 last year
- end of year Dinner-and-a-Movie night
- Used book sale – Amy and Cindy – more information to follow
- Home Reading Co-ordinator – Leigh
- Mables Lables – say ordering for Mary Johnston
- we will approve budget items at the next meeting