

Mary Johnston School Council Meeting April 17, 2019

Attendees: Karin, Sunnie, Bill, Alicia, Kristen, Dianne, Jason, Jenna, Laura, Amanda, Fronane

1. Welcome

- Started with Barry Kingsley's sign information (See Section 4)

2. Principals Update (Karin)

- April 24th Walk in Their Sneakers (officers joining at Clair Creek); LITs recruited and new safety vests.
- STEAM fair a success; budget request (Karen MacLeod and her committee have organized since inception is now finished at MJ) to thank her (card, \$\$, something).
 - Sunnie says there hasn't been precedent for an official thank you
 - Special recognition at Volunteer Tea
- Kodaly Choir performance at CITS
- Track/Field May 29 @ MJ, June 20 at university stadium
- Grade 6 camp fundraising
- Teacher feedback/wishes include adding turf or wood chips to eliminate all the mud; new sign on school stage a want.

3. Walking School Bus (Karin)

- School bus video (twitter link) has received great feedback

4. Council Matters

- Financials – 31K available. See report
 - Payments from fund forthcoming:
 - Turf in Kindy area in "round" area (mud-pit)
 - Get quote from Barry (rubber vs turf)
 - FRQ from Barry for sign
 - Cover 2500K of tarmac painting
 - Motion made (Amanda) Seconded by Dianne
 - Passed.
 - Mulch budget (facilities paid for 2019)
 - Sunnie: Sign funds: propose taking 10K from this year and then set aside 10 K from next year and bring forward idea to the school and then have another fundraiser specifically for new sign.
 - Talk of contingency plan for new playground in ~ 5 years.
 - Community could help pay for new equipment
 - Jason dance-a-thon updates
 - 6K
- Barry's school sign run-down
 - Barry suggests getting a new sign with video card (Advanced technology)
 - Run 16K to 50 K for quotes depending on what we want
 - Quote could last 3-6 months

- Will get a quote from 3-4 different companies – all good reputations
 - Can get quotes in 3 weeks ish.
 - Price can rise when you make last minute changes
- Install in 8-10 weeks
 - Can install year round
- Facilities will cover cost of electrical and data upgrades
 - Once installed, they cover costs of fixing
 - Will clean up cedars around sign
- LED brightness and location would be considerate of neighbours
- Runs on wifi
 - Known to be very secure (hacking issues)
- Current sign would be ~6500K to replace; Barry said it's beyond repair
- Reasons for sign include
 - Rental advertisement
 - Get kids to the school board
 - Curriculum tie-in (Janice agrees)
 - Community should feel welcome; older retirees in the community should feel linked to MJ.
- School board has a few musts: logo on sign (top)
 - We'd like school address on bottom?
 - Hours it is on/off can be decided
- Tarmac Painting
 - Karin talked to Colin Doyle; was going to show council the drawing for painting tarmac but weekend was clear and dry – pulled the trigger
 - Knew that other budget would find ways to cover it; taken out of Karin's contingency if not taken out of council budget (cost 2500K)
 - Kids love it (feedback great).
 - See finance section – motion passed for School Council to cover costs
- Upcoming Meeting – May 15

5. What's on your Mind

- Discussed efficacy of having police and bylaw for parking/driving.
- Jason – has a Titanic scanning project coming up; any school related interest?
- Sunnie: Dinner/Movie night update. All in order, volunteer call coming soon. Putting out flyers for Kindy night April 30th
 - Alicia to attend as “new” JK parent for advice/questions
- Curious of how long quotes will take to come in – nearly end of school year
 - Should they be ready by next meeting?
- Nutrition for Learning –merits of continuing?
 - Donations to other schools...

Respectfully submitted – Alicia Nadon