

Mary Johnston Public School Council Meeting – May 15, 2019

Attendees: Alicia, Trish, Jill, Tara, Bill, Laura, Harish, Dianne, Sunnie, Karin, Janice

1. Welcome

- Karin introduced Barry Kingsley to discuss new sign (see section 3)

2. Principles Update

- Barry updated on turf in Kindy area – can't do turf in "mud pit"
 - Will price out black border and mulch; Janice will inform council.
- Technovation (girls STEM) "Tenacity" made an app for walking school bus
 - Will know where parents are on the walking school bus
 - Runners up in overall competition of 40 groups
- Kiwanis, arts updates about kids from MJ (Kodaly Choir; Hunchback production; MJ 365)
- Want improvements in math scores EQAO; teachers developed questions for practice
- Track & Field pushed back from May 31st to MJ June 12th; June 20th is at University Stadium (check calendar)
- Money raised for bus, grade 6 trip (thanks!)
- Grad is Wed June 26th (may need a call for volunteers coming out).
- Volunteer tea – babysitters 8:15 am
- French Immersion Survey – fill it out!

3. New School Sign

- RFQ created and sent to 5 companies; 2 responded (need 3 for procurement)
 - Highest bid was 25, 400; lowest bid was 21, 490
 - 1-2 years on various warranties (from sign maker)
 - Re-iterated old sign was approximately 6500-8000K to recreate what we currently have (brand new – not able to upgrade).
 - Re-iterated facilities will take care of electrical install and upgrade, including land clearing and "tidying" (~3000K)
 - Bid can be broke down further (school pay one, facilities will pay the other)
 - Barry available for more questions once we've decided.
- Council questions:
 - Can it be wireless? Data cable and wire needed – would love to move to that technology (price would increase significantly).
 - Parent vs broader community impact (school day keep us informed? Board is a good reminder...
 - Informal feedback from other parents responded they didn't think we needed a brand new electric sign.
 - Karin brings up "pride in school"; noticing other signs looking great in front of school.

- Barry agrees- sees the payoff in other schools (lower damage to building, engagement, people staying involved passed graduation...
 - Chatted about splitting between years 10K aside 2018-2019, rest 2019-2020.
- Vote:
 - Should we wait for more voters? Need 8 people here.
 - Quote held for 90 days; companies will want a guarantee before giving another quote (vote required prior to quotes, anyway...).
 - Motion – Sunnie would like to decide (consensus would like to move forward)
 - Email vote to missing members.
 - Fact finding email first? Follow up vote via email.
 - Smaller discussion (aside) on people not investing time/interest to discuss feedback on sign. Voting members not showing up for meetings; people with opinions not telling Karin when she's asked for concerns...
 - Karin noted no VP to help out on communications etc.
 - Sunnie wants a June meeting with potential proxy votes – deadline will be imposed.

4. Council Matters

- Financials - Jenna (end of year carry-over ~31K; minus mulch)
- Dinner & a Movie – June 19th : Put out a call for volunteers soon?
- Principle Profile -
- Upcoming meetings – will plan something for June to specifically vote on Sign. Need a decision before end of school year. June 11th

5. What's on Your Mind?

- A lot of time was spent on sign chatter (re-hashed).
- Voting members – having 10 only and not having them show up at any meeting is an issue (even when the call went out that a Vote was happening).

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