

Mary Johnston Public School- School Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Library
7:00 pm (Babysitting Available)

Attendance: Bill, Amanda, Alicia, Pooja, Shannon, Damian, Kristen, Laura, Becky, Jenna, Sandra, Dianne, Harish, Tim, Janice

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions (Bill) (5min)

- Re welcome and name reminder ☺
- Handed over to Tim for his updates

Principal's Update - Tim Pugh (40 min)

- Confirm shadow council (continue to do this each week)
 - Shannon listed names confirmed last week- Pooja (confirmed), Sherief (confirmed), Kelly (absent)
 - Confirm 12 voting members on list
 - Tim notes – no bites on community member
- ELI/Strong Start. Read & Writ intervention group
 - Up and running (Mr Keller and Mrs Wideman)
- Medical protocol (plans of care - POC) is new since August
 - Closed loop with office (processing complete with all families)
 - Teachers received final POC packs Oct 9
 - Asthma inquiries: should always carry puffer (or give to teacher)
 - Case by case to double check kids have what they need (re: POC)
- Community Performance Choir
 - 80 kids – Oh Canada at Rangers Game in November (Mrs Clifton and Mdm Nicola)
 - some hiccups in fine print for # of tickets – all fixed!
- Communication Audit
 - Data ready for next council meeting
 - Try and reduce # of family communication tools and strategies
 - Staff in agreement to make it tighter and more streamlined
- Sign Update
 - Trench is dug, but wires not being put in due to hornet nest
 - Multiple people very allergic; caused a delay – multiple attempts to get rid of nest (growing and getting angry!)
 - Tim answered some questions about sign details (what he knew)
 - Sign location (current) would cost 1000s more dollars so it was moved closer to the school
 - Concerns about visibility (and bothering neighbours) so LED was adjusted

- Tim happy with location; hoping less than a week until everything goes in once hornet issue is fixed!
- May trim trees around old sign – plant some flowers
- Alignment of resources (UDL – universal design for learning)
 - Toured re-purposed spaces for learning/using/booking
- EQAO results
 - Tim has done collated some data and produced some graphs
 - Grade 3:
 - (Level 3 (mastering and consistent)/Level 4 target) MJ did well but analyze TRENDS not particular year #s
 - Writing and Math consistent (math a little lower ~70)
 - Grade 6:
 - Reading (90 %), Writing (95%), Math (76 – big jump from last year!)
 - Improvements from grade 3-6 happy results for school and speaks volumes about teachers/community/environment
 - Tim had a few requests for some comparisons between other schools and French vs English school comparisons
 - Conversation about math in French conversation and how school/teachers approaches it (Proud of MJ!)

Council Matters (30 min)

- Jenna (finance report)
 - June 30th 2019– \$22,164 (will change due to some outstanding fees)
 - Proposing vote on what we'd like budget to be set at
 - 2018/2019 (\$\$) → budget recommendation for 2019/2020
 - \$10,500 Pizza (got \$15K) → \$10K - 2019/2020
 - \$1500 ESNS fundraising (got \$1215)→ \$1000 - 2019/2020
 - \$5000 Moveathon (got \$5750.96)→ \$5000 – 2019/2020
 - \$3500 Dinner & Movie (got \$3400)→ \$3500 – 2019/2020
 - \$150 Mabels Labels (got \$217) → \$150 – 2019/2020
 - Spirit Wear (t-shirts, sweaters) (got 732 in revenue, budgeted 500)
 - Defer to next meeting - maybe a cyclical thing
 - Christmas drop-in – \$250 – 2019/2020
 - Sunnie mentioned picking a weekend more well in advance (longer time to advertise)
 - Used book sale (STEAM fair tie-in?) → \$100 - 2019/2020
 - Used coat sale (Bill covered later in meeting, have volunteers and date TBD)
 - HST rebates we had additional revenue
 - \$3300 (pizza, apple purchase etc)
 - Expenditures 2019-2020 overview
 - Steam fair, PALS, Mat kits, Home reading, Field trip bussing, Moveathon (down payment), Grade 6 grad, character

- development, playground equipment (balls etc), teacher requests (student help), contingency (700), outdoor improvement, self regulation/furniture
- Jenna will compile an accurate (budget) total for November meeting
- Next meeting Tim to bring list of items that need updating in 2019/2020
 - Teacher wish list as possible budget item for 2019/2020?
- Basketball nets – is that SC or Barry (WRDSB)
 - Tim to investigate how it was structured in past
- Alicia proposed new fundraiser initiative (Colibri)
 - April to coincide with earth month
 - Will sign up for more information
- Laura proposed mulch (potentially) as a new fundraiser
 - Halloween candy recycling (candy wrapping recycling) Terracycle
 - Council (Bill) forwards motion to set aside \$\$ aside for a medium
 - Pooja and Kristen seconded
 - Motion passed
 - Laura will purchase for school.
- Dianne gave walking school bus updates
 - Clair Creek only successful route (5 days a week)
 - Try and increase awareness of routes and volunteers needed for other routes to keep them regular
 - Working with Canadian Cancer Society (banners)

Meeting closed 8:45 pm

Our goal for this year is to try to keep our agenda and meeting time to 90 minutes. We respect the fact that parents come out and are supportive of the school. We are going to try our best to meet the needs of the parent community by keeping to this time frame but please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.