

# **Moffat Creek P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday September 21, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Sue VanWyngarden, Lisa Christy, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sheri Green, Becca Hardy, Tracy McGrath, Melissa Whetham, Barb Hewitson, Andria Schwab, Lidiya Ryndya, Rajivi Nadarajah, Allan Mackay, Amy Humphrys, Lilo Ognibene, Victoria Grinwis, Amy Fraser, Shannon Schmidt, Andrea Sherry, Georgeanne MacGregor -Fox, Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Bobbi Gower, Shashonnah Shea, Thabi Francis.

**Regrets:** Christine Roth, Sheetal Shenoy, Sonia Bryson

## **Meeting Minutes from June 2016:**

### **Two Corrections:**

1. There is a \$600.00 Carry over from last years budget (not \$6000.00 as stated in the minutes).
2. Wetlands: The Board will assist with maintenance costs of the playground (ie/ Mulch and watering through the summer), but school/ council is responsible for the cost of repairs for damages etc..

## **Elections for Executive and Voting Members 2016-2017 School Council:**

Motion to acclaim the vote (by Sheri) and seconded (by Donna)

**Chairperson:** Sue VanWyngarden

**Treasurer:** TBA

**Secretary:** Donna Allen-Rutherford

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Lisa Christy

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Andria Schwab

**Community Member:** Barb Hewitson

**Voting Members:** Sheri Green, Becca Hardy, Victoria Grinwis, Tracy McGrath, Melissa Whetham, Lisa Wingrove, Shashonnah Shea, Jocelyn S-B

## **New Business:**

**1) Pizza (Sue)** - starting next month October 5th! October orders should be in by September 30th.

- Pizza Day is every Wednesday, this is school council's largest fundraiser.
- *New this year* - Ordering on **School Day**, pre-pay online only. Weekly & monthly orders possible.
- There will be "day of" cash sales (morning of pizza day) for families who prefer to pay week to week.
- Mr. O: will look into Student Helpers to assist with collection of money (for "day of" sales) and help with delivery of pizza to JK to Grade 2 classes.
- *Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Christy (lisachristy@hotmail.ca) if you wish to volunteer to help with pizza day 12:30-1:30 on Wednesdays.*

## **2) Wetland Learning Grounds (Allan)**

- The Moffat Creek Wetland Playground is in the final phases of construction. The construction fence is coming down this Friday!
- Guidelines for the staff to be given on Monday, then a walk through is planned with students to discuss safety rules.
- There is badging on each piece of equipment (age 5-12 years). Insurance is being looked at regarding clarification of age related safety guidelines.
- Official Opening Ceremony is on October 6th, 2016 at 9:30am, which is also "National Outdoor Classroom Day".
- A big Thank you once again to Kristine D. (and the entire Wetland Committee) for being a driving force behind the planning, implementation and construction of the playground.
- Lisa Christy suggested putting together a timeline documenting the evolution of the Wetland from start to finish! To be revisited...

### **3) Parent Reaching Out Grant (Sue):**

- Tinkertruck! Details to follow at the next council meeting.
- *The Parents Reaching Out Grant* application was put together earlier this year by Sheetal Shenoy and was approved by the WRDSB for a science based event put on by Tinkertruck.

### **4) Parent Survey (Sue)**

- Please do the Moffat Creek parent survey online (this year on Survey Monkey). It is quick and easy to do and gives the School Council more knowledge about parents expectations and ideas.
- Find the survey on Twitter @MoffatCouncil, or watch for information on School Day.

### **5) Communications:**

- Rajivi has offered to help communicate council news on Twitter this year.
- Council is approved for Facebook. Follow **Moffat Creek School Families**
- Moffat Creek council will be building their online presence this year!

### **Principal's Report: Allan/Amy**

- The school year has got off to an excellent start - organized with assemblies and routine visits with the students, respect rotations etc...
- Many new policies this year has contributed to a calm environment at Moffat Creek. This year - no electronics policy (no devices) and organized line-ups to come into the school (adding to decorum and order). Use of hallways is more appropriate. Less hallway lingering, no bathroom issues.
- Feedback about the no device policy (so far) has been positive from staff and parents.
- No plan for reorganization this year, classes should remain the same.

- **EQAO results:** released to the public today. More details to follow at next meeting. Initial results appear to show growth in certain areas at Moffat.
- The focus for academics this year - is on “interruption free”. To enhance learning and an emphasis on structure. A few ways that this is being implemented is with shorter morning announcements and information on Google Docs announced by teachers in the classroom, O’ Canada is earlier at 8:35am (getting the day started as soon as the bell rings and a focus to reduce “lates”), mandatory agendas are also improving communication and responsibility amongst students and mandatory Gym uniforms to promote participation in Physical Education to name a few...
- “4-4-2” model is working well this year (4 periods - nutrition break - 4 periods - Nutrition Break - 2 periods). This means less transition in the hallways, and longer periods with less break up of class time.
- Inter-murals and choirs are starting up. New this year: Volleyball (Inter-mural) has started with Grade 7 & 8’s. Look for more activities this year.
- Staffing - There will be many new faces at Moffat Creek through the fall and winter with teachers going on Maternity Leave. We wish them all the best!
- Teacher requests: 1) Ms. Bassford requesting \$500 for music books for keyboarding and 2) French Department is requesting \$300 for Dufflebag Theatre. Mr. O will have the teachers fill out a request sheet and the requests will be addressed at the next council meeting.
- Principal’s Chocolate Fundraiser - To start in October
- Little’s Corners Bell has been installed with some finishing touches TBA.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 5th - Pizza Lunches start

October 6th - Official Opening of the Wetland

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday October 12th, 2016

6:30 - 8:00pm

School Library

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