

Moffat Creek P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 12, 2016

Present: Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Carrie-Ann Delane, Sheetal Shenoy, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Becca Hardy, Tracy McGrath, Sonia Bryson, Andria Schwab, Allan Mackay, Christine Roth, Victoria Grinwis, Amy Fraser, Andrea Sherry, Georgeanne MacGregor -Fox, Lisa Weinreich, Shashonnah Shea, Thabi Francis.

Regrets: Sue VW, Sheri Green, Lisa Christy, Mr. Ognibene

Motion to approve minutes from September meeting by Jocelyn, seconded by Becca.

Welcome to our new Treasurer - Thabi Francis.

Presentation #1:

Moffat Creek Support Worker from Carizon: Leanne Brown

- Child and Youth Worker, a new resource at Moffat Creek PS, in addition to 5 other schools in Cambridge
- Community resource workers specializing in mental wellness, also providing support for parents.
- Leanne is providing confidential, one (1) hour support services for parents - access/referrals via Mr. MacKay through the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT).
- If a high need is identified – then the file is transferred to a case management file for 30 to 90 days.
- **“Coffee Club”** – a program organized by Leanne for parents. The meeting will be in the school library (coffee/tea/snacks provided). Discussion topics vary each month (i.e./ ADD, Anxiety). A resource nurse is also available - topics are driven by parents (nutrition, sleep). Coffee Club - runs Last Monday of every month - evenings or mornings upon as requested by the parent community.

- Funding for this program comes from Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and Ministry of Education.
- An announcement about upcoming Coffee Club will be made on **School Day**.

Presentation #2:

Elementary School Nutrition Services: Jane and Lori

Proposed Weekly Lunch Program at Moffat Creek

- A company that provides management and administrative support for school lunches. In business for 5 years and board approved.
- “One-stop” website for day to day administration of nutritional services at schools
- We can continue to use current vendors (i.e./ for pizza)
- Affordable meals from Boston Pizza, Pita Pit, Subway, Menchies, snacks etc.
- All products sold meet the Ministry of Education nutrition guidelines
- User friendly website: parents can login, sign up and place orders
- Phone support is available if problems arise; email reminders are set to remind parents about upcoming orders.
- A “healthy helper” (paid for by company) could be provided IF a full program is chosen (if a school volunteer is unavailable). The healthy helper - would not impact commission. Must offer a full program to be eligible for helper.
- Commission - depends on what product we are selling. Commission on Pizza would be \$0.25-0.50 per slice (based on a pizza cost \$1.25-1.75 per slice), Milk would sell for 0.80-0.85 per unit with a commission \$0.10-0.15
- Flexibility to run programs how we think will fit the community the best
- Refunds possible for spoiled, damaged or lost food. Also, Snow Day refunds possible and cancellation emails sent.

- See attached handout that was reviewed at the council meeting or on the website www.esns.ca. This program could start as soon as November 1st if council agrees.

Motion: to pass approval for Elementary Nutrition Services to start a lunch program at Moffat Creek (***approved***). Council agreed to either a trial period or a part time program to then proceed to a full program if feasible. Look at offering Hot Lunches Mondays and Fridays with Milk and continue Council-run Pizza Wednesdays.

Lisa Christy – can be contacted in the future about this volunteering opportunity once the program is established.

Community Report: (Carrie-Ann)

- Recent expansion all YMCA childcare programs
- Added three team members to the staff
- Pre-school and toddler programs are full even with the expansion

Teacher Report: (Ms. Roth)

Activities around Moffat Creek:

- Primary - started PALs (playground Activity Leaders), training started last week.
- Junior & Intermediates - Coding Club has started and choir is in full swing
- Junior - Ultimate Frisbee Club is underway
- Intermediates - “Mathletes” and Math Tutoring Program with Mrs. G, (Grade 8s’ to tutor Primary Students (Grade 3) at to help prep with EQAO etc...).
- Intermediate Tech Team (Ms. Ronald) making bird houses for the Wetland.
- “Me to We” Group (Mrs. Bauman) starting

- Moffat Creek Wetland Learning Ground - has been really well received!
Students are enjoying and it is bringing the community together in the evenings.

Treasurer Report: (Jocelyn/Thabi).

- There is a \$7000.00 budget carry-over from last year... The formal budget is still in process (approximate running budget \$25,000/year).
- Budget requests from Teachers (October):
 1. Dufflebag Theatre (Interactive Play), request for \$470 by Jamie Dyck (French Department). **Approved.**
 2. Playground equipment - purchasing 2 Elementary Recess Kits by Dave Cottenie (approved last year for \$235/kit). **Approved again.**

NEW BUSINESS: (Jocelyn)

1) Survey Results:

- Technology came up as a recurrent theme noted to be a high priority from parents (council initiatives to date – provided support for Spheros, Chromebooks)
- Parent Priorities (other than Technology) - #1 classroom resources, #2 Field Trips and In-School Activities, #3 Playground, #4 Celebrations
- How council proposes to address these priorities –

*The proposal for this year's budget that council give a larger lump sum to divisions (K, P, J, I) i.e./ \$1000.00 per division instead of individual classroom budgets. Having a large sum provided to divisions may make better use of resource money for “big ticket items, in-school learning or field trips”.

**Another proposal being made to take \$5000 from carry-over budget and apply to playground fund to start Phase 2 (Kindergarten playground area), still need to raise at least another \$44,000

**\$1000.00 earmarked for celebration (i.e./ for Graduation, EQAO, Teacher Appreciation etc....)

2) Committee Organization and Sign-Up:

- Committee sign up sheets were handed out to council members. See electronic versions on Twitter (@MoffatCouncil) and Facebook (“Moffat Creek School Families”) to sign up.
- Please note that we are looking for a volunteer Chairperson for each committee. This person will serve as the contact point to council, and will help with communication and organization of their given committee.

Principal’s Report: (Mr. MacKay)

- **EQAO Results** - now available online for parents to review. See website: eqao.com. The results over time have improved/growth seen since school has opened.

GRADE 3 (2012-2013) - scores for Reading 60%, Writing 68% and Math 58%. Provincial averages were 68%, 77% and 67% respectively.

GRADE 3 (2015-2016) at Moffat Creek improved overall and above or at provincial level. Reading 72%, Writing 83% and Math 65%. Provincial averages being (72%, 79% and 63%).

GRADE 6: Improvement in results seen as well, Grade 6 (2012 -2013) 58% (Reading), 55% (Writing), and 29% (Math) initially all below provincial averages. The Grade 6 (2015-2016) results now show improvement 77% (Reading), 75% (Writing), 38% (Math). Lots of support from feeder schools (Chalmers) and resources at Moffat.

- What can council do to help? Council can help support academics and EQAO by looking into Community/Family Math Nights, help with resources for classrooms etc....

- Opening Ceremony for the Moffat Creek Wetland was a big success. Enjoyed by staff and students alike.
- Projects upcoming - Asphalt repairs in kindergarten area, lines on the pavement to be re-painted.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 14-17th: Scholastic Book Fair

December 5th-8th: Holiday Gift Store. Gift Store collection starts November 1st

January 31, 2017 – TinkerTruck free evening activity (paid by council) for all Moffat students and families

REMINDER: MOFFAT CREEK IS A SCENT FREE SCHOOL!!

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday November 9th, 2016

6:30 - 8:00pm

School Library

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