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

**DATE: \_\_Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Sue VanWyngaarden, Amy Fraser, Shannon Schmidt, Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Jill Kalmacoff, Jeana Quesnel, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Andrea Sherry, Barb Hewitson, Christine Roth, Allan MacKay, Mary Sue Meredith

**Regrets:** Sheri Green, Tracy McGrath

**Teacher Report (Christine Roth):**

- intermediate basketball – team is practicing – games start soon

- Mr. Landon had a query about using divisional money from Council – does the money have to be spent by the due date (January 31/18), or does the request have to be submitted by this date? Answer: the request has to be submitted by January 31/18 (money need not be spent by this date)

**Community Report (Barb Hewitson, YMCA):**

-March Break registration starts next week (the week of January 15th)

-the St. Clements camp (Ki-Wa-Y Outdoor Centre) is being more utilized, during March Break, for ages 4-12 – priced $180/wk (members), $210/wk (non-members). Transportation is provided from Chaplin Family YMCA (Hespeler Rd.) - <http://www.ymcacambridgekw.ca/en/camp-outdoor-centre/outdoorcentre/school-break-camp-programs.asp>

-teen drop-in zone on Hespeler Rd. on Wednesdays for youths aged 12-21; hot, family-style dinner provided - <http://www.ymcacambridgekw.ca/en/community-programs-services/Programs.asp#Drop-In>

**Community Report (Courtney Didier – ANCC):**

* No community report from Courtney tonight

**Treasurer Report (Sue):**

-not much new to report

-pizza is on track to meet budget expectations

-Holiday Gift Store made over $3000!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***Holiday Gift Store re-cap – Becca*** – tons of volunteers – thank you. The kids loved it, as always. Thanks to volunteers, staff and students for making it another success!
2. ***Movie Night – Jocelyn –* Thursday, Jan. 25th, 6:30-9:00pm**

-Boss Baby will be the movie (Becca to bring) – the Board purchased a Criterion license this year, so no need for us to pay to show the movie

-admission at the door is an (optional) cash donation

-notes home were distributed this week (Jan. 15)

1. ***Fun Fair – Sue*** – **Wednesday, June 13th – 4:30-7:30pm**

-if you’re interested in helping with planning, the first meeting is after the February School Council meeting (Feb. 6)

1. ***Celebrations – Staff Appreciation Day - Sue*** – **Monday, March 5th**

-more low-key than last year: we will be using Monigram Coffee Roasters (downtown Galt) for coffee/tea and ask parent and Council volunteers to supply a baked treat. If you are interested in baking something, please deliver it to the office/staff room by 9:30am on March 5th.

-Becca to organize Monigram order/delivery for 9:30am, pick-up at 2:00pm (need 3 or 4 people to help pay – please let Becca know if you’re interested in making a donation to help pay for the coffee and tea for the 60 staff members)

1. ***Math Night Update – Mary Sue*** – will update Council after first-term report cards, at next Council meeting (Feb. 6th)
2. ***Other Business*** – shelves (!) have been set up in our new storage space (off the gym, near the stage) – Sue needs hands to help clean out the old storage room – Christine offered her class to help, but if a few Council members could lend a hand as well, please let Sue know asap

**Principal’s Report (Allan and Mary Sue)**

* **Any email to Allan that is Council related – please put your name and “Council Member” in the subject line**

-French Immersion grades 3-5 – new teacher hopefully in place by Tuesday, January 16th, replacing Mme. Clement.

-learning update (Mary Sue) – teachers signed up for math professional learning:

- 3 different groups of teachers – kindie teachers partnered with up to grade 2 so they were able to bounce ideas off each other
-each group worked on different things (manipulatives, consolidation, talking more and sharing ideas and problem solving in math)

-well-being learning with the staff will take place soon

-communication tools reminder (Mary Sue)

-the school website is free, but please be aware that we cannot advertise for any particular business

-School Day/School Sign notifications – please email Mary Sue with messages for School Day or the sign, but give her a few days’ notice, please; also, be aware that the sign has a character limit, so sometimes messages have to be tweaked a bit

-many Council members, upon hearing the phrase “School Day”, brought up the troubling issue of not receiving notices that new messages have been posted on School Day. This is most significantly disrupting online pizza orders - can there be a separate School Day announcement saying pizza is up on School Day (so that way caregivers can go and login)? – can it go out on the sign? Allan and Mary-Sue to look into it.

-starting Beyblade club next week for grades 6-8

-ski excursions for ski club – February 6th – grades 6-8

-chocolate fundraiser was more successful than last year – $10, 000 made!

-Allan is implementing a committee to look at school drop-off problems (no sidewalk along Branchton/part of Myers, no crosswalk/crossing guard at Branchton, no decreased speed, no place to park, and the list goes on)

-there will be several meetings in the next year – Allan is asking for at least 1 Council representative (preferably 2)

-the committee will work with the Region and the City

-the first meeting is already set (Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, 4-5pm)

-Amy Fraser to join (thank you, Amy!) – if anyone else is interested, please let Allan know asap

-skating races February 23rd, 5pm – Allan to follow-up with more information

**DATES TO REMEMBER**:

Movie Night – Thursday, January 25th, 6:30-9:00pm

PD Day – Friday, January 26th

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 6th (Fun Fair meeting to follow)

**We are still looking for a “social media” helper for Council – someone who is willing to update Facebook and Twitter. Contact Sue if interested.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: early, sometime before 8pm (forgot to look at the clock!)

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: **Feb. 6, 2018**

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: School Library

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