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

**DATE: \_\_Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm**

**In Attendance:** Sue VanWyngaarden, Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Tracy McGrath, Shannon Schmidt, Barb Hewitson, Grant Prince, Thabi Francis, Lisa Weinreich, Sheri Green, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Becca Hardy, Jill Kalmacoff, Jeana Quesnel, Ruth Lozier

**Regrets:** Sonia Bryson, Andrea Sherry

**Teacher Report: (Ms. Roth)**

* The Terry Fox walk/run on Monday October 2nd was a success. No official tally on how much we raised, but lots of toonies were brought in. The intermediates helped cheer on and run with the primary kids
* Junior ultimate frisbee has begun
* Some clubs have started up: for the intermediates - game board club, choir, me to we; for the juniors – choir, me to we
* Library, office helpers and safety bus patrollers have been selected

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

* Hired 6 new staff in the last two months; 2 currently on maternity leave
* Had a curriculum review in august – 95% score (!)
* The extended day program averages 48 6-12 year-olds
* Registration is currently open for extended day – no waiting list
* There is construction at the main facility (250 Hespeler Road) – KidsAbility has been relocated to Langs Drive
* There is a slide issue with the kindie/daycare playground – currently the daycare kids aren’t able to use the slide, but it is on Mr. MacKay’s to-do list – will update at next meeting

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

* Courtney is from the Alison Neighbourhood Community Centre (www.alisonneighbourhood.org)
* They have a breakfast club (full breakfast $2/day, $10/week), an after-school program, and youth drop-in programs
* Youth drop-in programs are under-utilized: looking for kids grades 3-5, grades 6-8. There is also a “kids in action” program for grades 1-2
* Courtney could provide some programs at Moffat Creek, if we’re interested. Ideas: intramural programs during the day, on nutrition breaks (there might be some Board red-tape to go through here – Mr. MacKay will keep us posted); the Leadership Development Program for grades 7 & 8 is another option
* Discussed how to make Moffat Creek families aware of the breakfast club at ANCC, through School Day

**Treasurer Report: Sue**

* No formal budget yet, as most of the funds in the Council account still need to be transferred to cover playground costs
* Budget from 2016 was just over $55,000 gross revenue – profit of just over $37,000
* Now that the Wetland Learning Grounds have been taken care of (minus a few outstanding items – walkway/path and trees in kindie area), we discussed what to do with our money made this year (pizza sales bring in around $25,000 alone)
* No budget requests have come up from staff yet
* **Financial Ideas/Goals for 2017-18 school year:** (many things were mentioned, listed below)
  + - Dufflebag Theatre - $250 from Council, typically
    - Mr. MacKay – tarmac needs relining (doing chocolate fundraiser – but seeing as this will cost approx. $1200 – he would appreciate help from Council if possible); we also need shelving for a room, devoted to Council storage – quote is $1200 – help from Council on that would be appreciated as well
    - A new long jump pit
    - Team uniforms and pinnies – basketball, volleyball, track and field, etc.
    - Musical instruments/music books
    - Pop up tent(s) (shade tent) for track and field days
    - Books – home reading for English and French
    - Maybe we give a larger amount to divisional (kindie, primary, junior, intermediate) resources this year? – for other divisions (phys-ed, gym, spec. ed, learning resources, etc. – we will still take individual requests)
    - Chrome books? – 5-10 items could be purchased (Approx. $320/ea.)
    - Fun Fair – have rides (!) this year
    - Mr. MacKay suggested partnering with a school that’s in need – donation could be made from our Council to fund an initiative at their school
    - Jocelyn suggested that the intermediate teachers could do an off-site team building activity (especially Grade 7), in the first month of school – could they go out to a camp (Camp Shalom, etc.) for a night in the first few weeks of school? Idea will get passed along to staff

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Weekly Pizza: Sue**

* Pizza is up and running and going well
* Any interested volunteers can contact our new (!) Volunteer Coordinator, Ruth Lozier

1. **Scholastic Book Fair: Becca**

-book fair will run from November 13-16, 2017

-the book night will be November 16th, the same day as scheduled Parent/Teacher interviews

-committee currently consists of Becca, Jill and Tracy

**-volunteers needed – contact Becca if interested**

1. **What events will we commit to this year?**

**(a)** **Holiday Gift Store – Becca, Ruth, Jill, Shannon, Donna, Sheri, Tracy**

-where will it be? No empty classroom – location to be determined

-collection will begin Nov. 1

-Gift Store dates: December 12-13

-new this year: no preview day

-set up on Friday, December 8th and Monday, December 11th

**(b)** **Spring Fun Fair – committee TBD**

-early June 2018 (avoid staff meeting and report deadline?)

**(c)** **Celebrations: Sue**

-EQAO

-Gr. 8 Graduation

-Staff Appreciation

-Student Volunteer Appreciation

**(d)** **Movie Night(s)**: **Jocelyn, Jeana, Thabi**

-license paid for by the Board this year, so no cost for us to show movies

***4)***  Sue mentioned that **we need a social media helper** to update Council’s twitter feed and Facebook page. Contact Sue if interested.

***5)*** Becca, per Mr. M (Steve McKay), noted that the school needs volunteers for our Strong Start reading program

-Strong Start helps those in SK, Grade 1 and Grade 2 who need a little extra guidance with reading

-it involves taking 2 courses, 2 hours each, usually offsite at a WRDSB school, and donating your time to help Moffat Creek students during the school day. Each reading session (playing different reading games) is 30 minutes, once a week, and the program runs for 10 weeks

-contact Becca or Mr. M (steve\_mckay@wrdsb.on.ca) for more information

**Principal’s Report (Mr. MacKay and Ms. Meredith)**

* EQAO Attitudes and Achievements: for both grade 3 and grade 6 we did well compared to the Board and the province
* We had a good number of students at or above the Provincial Standard (at Level 3 or 4) across the board: Grade 3 – 70% above standard for reading, 74% above standard for writing, 65% above standard for mathematics; Grade 6 – 77% above standard for reading, 72% above standard for writing, 52% above standard for mathematics
* Attitudes and behaviour data was collected this year, showing that most Grade 3s liked to read at most of the time (45%), and most liked mathematics most of the time (66%); in Grade 6, most liked to read sometimes (57%), and most liked mathematics most of the time (43%) – obviously, the goal is to make most students enjoy reading and math most of the time
* Always room for improvement: work to do in mathematics at grade 3 (although generally better than Board and province) and grade 6 (although greatly improved over last year, and above Board and province); work needs to be done on grade 6 writing skills
* Results went home on Friday, October 6th, for individual students
* Discussed how to make math more fun – Math Night(s), or Math Day – Lisa Weinreich will help staff organize and run – more info to come at a later date
* Staff update: we welcome Mme. Koopman (Core French), Mrs. Watson (Gr. 3/4F), Ms. Alkin (Gr. 4), Mrs. Clement (Gr. 5F), Miss Grace (Gr. 7) and Ms. Maffin (Gr. 7); there are 3 kindie classes this year, down from 4 last year

**DATES TO REMEMBER**:

November 1 – Christmas Store drop-off begins

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:15pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Date:Tuesday, November 7th, 2017

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: School Library

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