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

**DATE: \_\_Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:30-8:00pm**

**In Attendance:** Becca Hardy, Stephanie Young, Christine Roth, Mary Sue Meredith, Heather Kruis, Lisa Weinrich, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Grant Prince, Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Adriana Leigh, Vinesh Kaliga, Arpa Jaberian, Eman Shream, Rajivi Nadarajah, Tracy McGrath, Jeana Quesnel

**Regrets:** Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sue Van W, Jill Kalmakoff, Jodie Inglehart

Welcome to our new Executive Members – Adriana Leigh (Volunteer Co-ordinator) and Jeana Quesnel (Secretary)!

**Teacher Report: (Christine Roth):**

Clubs have started: intermediate mathletes, intermediate volleyball (intramural), Me to We (clothing drive donations will begin next week – on the stage – and the following week teachers will discretely take students in need to the stage to select items), photography club, intermediate coding club, recycling team, Mr. Leslie’s art studio drop in at nutrition break, Mrs. Verley-Entz is running a science work period and an intermediate drama club, Eco club (goal is to become a Gold School this year – focusing on landscaping this year at the front of the school. Georgeanne suggested that they contact the Region of Waterloo about qualifying for an environmental fund), Ms. Bassford has started the junior and intermediate choirs, Mrs. Bauman has started the GSA club, SLAM (Student Leaders at Moffat) and SLAP (Student Leaders Athletic Program) have started.

-tryouts for intermediate volleyball have begun.

-Gr. 8 Ottawa trip survey was sent home.

**Community Report:**

* No update from the YMCA.
* Kinbridge will be at November meeting.
* Courtney Didier from the Alison Neighbourhood Community Centre (ANCC) was unable to attend, but an ANCC Flyer/community report was briefly passed around at the meeting, outlining various upcoming events (Girls’ Night, Halloween events, etc.). Notably, ANCC runs a Breakfast Club, Monday-Friday from 7:30am-bus pick-up/bell. The cost is $40/month, and may qualify for subsidy.

**Treasurer Report: Becca**

* Funds left over from last year were able to pay back Moffat School for an overage from the playground (approx.. $7100). We are still seeking a financial total to report last year’s school fund budget. Glitch in system is being worked on. We are still waiting for an exact ‘carry-over’ dollar amount.
* Need to make decisions regarding how we are going to spend the Council budget.
* Budget requests from teachers/divisions are due November 1, 2018.

**Financial Ideas/Goals for 2018-19 school year:**

* Georgeanne suggested some improved maintenance of playground. Mrs. France has worked to maintain the playground, but perhaps a little more needs to be done (i.e. mulch). Need to inquire on contract from landscaping company (Earthscape) (warranty, mulching, watering). Suggested Eco Club could work on maintaining the upkeep of the playgrounds (with financial assistance from Council, if they submit a budget request), suggested that students that need ‘volunteer hours’ could assist with maintenance.
* Home reading/French reading program contribution again?
* Rajivi suggested that perhaps Council could fund School warm up shirt for volleyball or basketball, 12-14 per team? Christine will bring it up with Mr. Cottenie
* Assist with funding more musical instruments?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Weekly Pizza: Becca -** pizza day up and running.
2. **Scholastic Book Fair: Becca**

* November 12-15th; 15th would be the evening sale alongside with Parent/ Teacher optional interview night. Mrs. Kruis suggested to have an evening consideration to include extended day. Also, she suggested beginning later in the day ie. 11am to 5pm, if our volunteer numbers are low during the day. Theme is Enchanted Forest. **Adriana volunteered to chair the book fair committee** (thanks Adriana!) – if anyone is interested in being on the Book Fair committee, please contact Adriana ([adridotson@gmail.com](mailto:adridotson@gmail.com))
* Committee so far stands at: Adriana (chair), Becca, Eman, Tracy, Vinesh, Arpa, Shannon

1. **PRO Grant – TASAM** (Becca/Heather)

-TASAM stands fro Tackling Anxiety and Stress through Arts and Mindfulness. – Arts Express is a company that introduces kids to mindfulness techniques and encourages student well-being. Moffat has created a Staff-run ‘Mindful committee’ along with their initiative. The staff will host Arts Express at their next PD Day (October 26th), to learn how to incorporate mindfulness at Moffat. November 8th will be the first student introduction to Mindful Day. A communication will be sent on School-Day.

November 8th is parent night, most likely held in the library. Parent Council to assist with refreshments. Suggestion of using Monigrams to cater. Suggested to put our name in at Tim Horton’s to receive a free donation once a year for refreshments. A request has to come from a Tim Horton’s employee for a donation from local location, Eman and her sister also have volunteered to supply cookies or refreshments. (Update – Tim Horton’s hasn’t panned out – will most likely use Monigrams).

1. **What events will we commit to this year?**
2. **Holiday Gift Store (Becca to chair committee)-** Gently used or new donated items for gifts. Free gift wrapping for students. $2 for each item. Tentative dates December 10th-12th. Jocelyn suggested no donation of books this year, and specify that we need lots of gifts for men. No scents/candles, knitting items encouraged.

**-**committee members/helpers – Donna, Tracy, Eman, Jeana, Sheri, Shannon

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

-early June 2019 (avoid staff meeting and report deadline?)

- Inflatables, food trucks, games, etc.

- Council will organize committee

- Tentative date- June 12th 2019

**(c)** **Celebrations (committee TBD)**

-EQAO - ice cream day

-Gr. 8 Graduation

-Staff Appreciation- breakfast and lunch

-Student Volunteer Appreciation

**(d)** **Movie Night(s) – Jocelyn to chair**

- license is already purchased through the WRDSB.

- last year, it was held on January 25th. Suggested this time January 24th, 2019

-committee includes – Jocelyn, Arpa, Jeana (and perhaps Jill and Lidiya, who helped last year, but weren’t at this Council meeting)

**(e)** **Book Swap** – New idea, brought up by Eman (Ryerson PS does this kind of event). Students to bring used books, student given coupon to receive a book. Once all the coupons are used up, students will have options to purchase the books for $1 (paperback) and $2 (hardcover).

- Looking as a Spring time event.

**Principal’s Report (Mrs. Kruis and Ms. Meredith)**

* Mrs. Goverde is our new attendance secretary
* Chocolate bar fundraising has begun.
* Nutrition for learning students donated $317. The snacks are available to Moffat students. Mrs. Kruis is making a note of this very important program.
* PD Day (Oct. 26) – mathematics learning in the am, TASAM in the pm.
* EQAO Results shared by Ms. Meredith.

-attitude survey – big improvement from last year in those students at least liking math

-Achievement Data – Grade 3s were above the province in Level 3 across all areas (reading, writing, math)

-Grade 6s were above the province in Level 3 in Reading and Math, and almost at the provincial average in Writing (this was the lowest area this past school year)

-Grade 6s were up 8% in reading and 13% in math

-great EQAO improvements overall!

* Trailblazers began this week, safety patrols, wearing bright green vests. Note to inform students through school-day and make them aware that they are available.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**:

October 26 – PD Day

November 1 – Christmas Store drop-off begins

November 8 – Mindful Day at Moffat and parent engagement night

November 12-15 – Book Fair

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:15pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Date:Wednesday, November 14th, 2017

Time: 6:30 - 8:04pm

Location: School Library

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