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

**DATE: \_\_Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Sheri Green, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Shannon Schmidt, Becca Hardy, Lisa Weinreich, Adriana Leigh, Jeana Quesnel, Eman Shream, Stephanie Young, Tracy McGrath, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Heather Kruis, Christine Roth, Jaime Dyck, Mary Sue Meredith

**Regrets:** Sue VanWyngaarden

**Principal & VP Introductions/Report:**

-Welcome to our new principal, Heather Kruis!

-there are 4 new staff members since the last meeting in June: Joanne Bergeron – jr. core French and planning time teacher; Katelyn Hawes – planning time teacher for French; Sarah Spicer - planning time teacher; Kerrie Young – planning time teacher

-we are currently at 674 students and 28 classes

-first PD day of the school year focused on the school improvement plan – mathematics, grad rates, and student wellbeing. Moffat’s new initiative is mindfulness. Staff took part in learning what it is, getting involved in mindfulness exercises – staff needs good understanding what this is all about before it can get passed to the students – ties into TASAM (Tackling Anxiety and Stress through Arts and Mindfulness - our PRO Grant idea for the year, which we discussed at Council last year – more to come about this at the next Council meeting). Further, there will be a “mindful minute” coming to Moffat soon – there will be an upcoming assembly to introduce mindfulness to the students.

-School fundraising will be chocolate bars – selling will take place from Oct 3-15 this year. Last year the chocolate bar fundraiser helped purchase technology for the school (chromebooks, etc.)

-EQAO scores will be discussed at the next Council meeting

-Moffat Roadside Committee (which is heavily involved with the region, the city, and various other factions to work on the parking/drop-off/pick-up situation around the school) is looking at booking a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

-Mary Sue Meredith talked about the trailblazers initiative, which stems from the transportation committee at Moffat. The idea is to get more students to walk to school. The trailblazers are students leading the trail – they are not safety patrols (not supervising other students), but they will meet at different corners (yet to be announced), leading the path to the school. These students (10 volunteers in total, from grades 6-8) went for training last week (along with bus patrols). Moffat is one of the first in Cambridge to start this initiative, which comes out of the push to walk to school. This initiative will be starting this next coming week – info will come home the day it starts.

**Nominations and Elections:**

Thank you and congratulations to those who put their names forward for the Moffat Creek Council Executive and Voting Member Positions.

**Voting Members for 2018/19**: Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sheri Green, Jeana Quesnel, Eman Shream, Adriana Leigh

**Secretary**: still to be determined. The secretary is responsible for taking notes/minutes during the meeting and subsequently emailing the minutes to the rest of Council. We discussed having a rotating secretary, but if **anyone is interested in being the permanent secretary, please let Becca Hardy know before the October 10th meeting.**

**Volunteer Coordinator**: still to be determined. The position basically entails creating schedules/spreadsheets for some of our larger Council-run events – notably the Book Fair, the Holiday Gift Store, and the Fun Fair. Again, **if anyone is interested, please let Becca know before the October 10th meeting.**

**Treasurer**: still to be determined. The treasurer is responsible for obtaining a statement of our Council account (provided by our head secretary, Pam Gergely) each month and ensuring any receipts and/or teacher requests have been accounted for. **If anyone is interested, please let Becca know before the October 10th meeting.**

**Past Chairperson**: Sue VanWyngaarden

**Chairperson for 2018/19**: Becca Hardy

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***Weekly Pizza Lunches – Becca/Sheri***

-pizza ran smoothly today – 71 pizzas were ordered

-we have a bi-weekly afternoon pizza schedule of 8 wonderful women (4 per week), and we have at least 3 alternates to fill in if need be. We typically only have 3 people work in the afternoon, but having 4 allows us some flexibility if one person can’t make it.

-Sue, Becca and Sherrie Bailey take care of the morning pizza count each Wednesday

1. ***Other***

-Jeana Quesnel asked about the coat drive that typically takes place in November at Moffat. We believe the Me to We team is doing it again this year, headed by Mme. Hawes and Mrs. Spicer

-Eman Shream brought up an idea that Ryerson P.S. has done in the past – a book swap/sale. Students would bring in their gently used books and get tickets to swap for another gently used book. Any books left over at the end of the swap (perhaps a week in length or so?) would be sold for $1. We discussed perhaps doing this in the Spring, as the Book Fair is in November and we wouldn’t want to run both at the same time. We’ll discuss this more at a later meeting.

-Becca mentioned that the Book Fair has been scheduled for November 12-16 – the theme is Enchanted Forest, so if you have any ideas for decorations, please let the woefully unartistic Becca know (this will be discussed at the next meeting too)

-Jocelyn asked about possibly changing the electronic sign to say Please No u-turns – perhaps we can bring this up again at the next meeting, as the topic strayed

Mansoori is our new parking lot “attendant” – she is doing a wonderful job!

-our meeting time of the second Wednesday of each month was questioned. Last year we met on the second Tuesday of each month. While apparently discussed last year, our 2017/18 secretary (Becca), can find no record of the date change being voted upon. Right now, we will leave the meetings as is, on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

-committees will be discussed and set up at the next meeting (Holiday Gift Store, Fun Fair, Celebrations, etc.)

-Book Fair

-please let Becca know if there is anything you would like added to October 10th’s agenda

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: before 7:30!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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