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

**DATE: \_\_Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Jeana Quesnel, Becca Hardy, Tracy McGrath, Lidiya Ryndya, Amy Fraser, Shannon Schmidt, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Lisa Weinreich, Stephanie Young, Adriana Leigh, Sonia Bryson, Jill Kalmacoff, Shashi Kheda, Vinesh Kaliga, Barb Hewitson, Ashley Chaves, Mallory Fennell, Sue VanWyngaarden, Mary Sue Meredith, Heather Kruis, Christine Roth

(my apologies if anyone has been left off the list – the attendance sheet didn’t go all the way around the room. I’ll ensure it does for the January meeting)

**Regrets:** Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Courtney Didier

**Community Report (Mallory Fennell - Kinbridge):**

-spoke of their role in the community. There are a variety of programs they run that may benefit Moffat Creek students.

-Family play group, Monday, Wed and Friday 12:30-2:30 (200 Christopher Dr.) - Age 0-6, crafts, snacks provided

-After school programs, Mon-Fri 2:50-5:30pm (200 Christopher Dr.). Ages 6-12. They may be able to pick up children from Moffat (if there is enough interest), as they pick up from Stewart Ave. and Chalmers. $5/wk, $20/month. Transportation may be arranged home.

-Incredible Kids – runs Oct-Dec, Jan-Apr, Apr-June, 9-week after school program for kids aged 6-11, snack provided. Mainly benefits kids with behaviour challenges.

-Youth programs – free sport night at Moffat on Friday nights (already in progress), 6:30-8pm.

-Youth drop in program - video games etc. Tuesdays 3-5pm, ages 14-18 (200 Christopher Dr.); Thursdays 6-8pm, ages 10-13 (1-241 Southwood Dr.)

-Lead program – ages 12-16, MWF in November, 4-6pm, $75 (200 Christopher Dr.). Certification program to teach leadership.

-Adult programs - Peer health and Nutrition program $6/week, Fri 1-2:30pm (need to register before attending). You may take home the food prepared. Child care provided during session.

-Yoga classes - Tuesday 7-8pm - $45 for 10 weeks or $6 drop-in. Thursdays are more directed to women – 7-8pm, $45/10 wks, $6/drop-in (both sessions are held at 200 Christopher Dr.).

-December 8th 9-11am - Breakfast with Santa @ 200 Christopher Dr. - pancake breakfast – $5/person, free for kids 2 and under. Need to register.

-Glow program – 12-week program. Flyer to be prepared at a later date. Ages 8-14 girls.

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

-Introduced Ashley Chaves - Assistant supervisor.

-New staff members have started and are working out well.

-YMCA Peace week - National YMCA initiative - focusing on kindness and support of others and world issues. Teachers have activity books regarding languages and celebrations around the world.

-University of Waterloo will be joining the YMCA to conduct a study on social engagement in the children.

**Teacher Report:**

-not much new to report – clubs are up and running

-Eco club began a garden at front of school. Eco club also started recycling all markers to return to Crayola. Ashley thinks we may be able to get “new” markers returned to us by doing this – she will let us know if this is the case.

**Treasurer Report (Becca):**

-we discussed the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 school year

-our opening balance is still to be specifically determined (this is dictated by the Board, hence the reason we are still waiting). We believe it’s somewhere in the area of $6000 – a fairly significant carry-over from last year.

-a few things to note:

-we will be in receipt of some PRO Grant (Parent Reaching Out Grant) funds that have been uncollected for two years – this will bring in $2000

-we have to replace all the gift wrap for our Holiday Gift Store this year, as our storage room had a mice problem over the summer (eek!) – therefore our overall profit from the Gift Store will most likely be slightly less than previous years

-because of our mice problem, we have to purchase new storage containers for our storage room – this is an unexpected expense as well

-Sue suggested that in order to maintain our beautiful playgrounds, we should be prepared to invest approx. $2500/yr on maintenance (mulch, fertilizer, tree bags, stone dust for pathways, etc.). Heather will look into what the Board will do, since we are most likely transitioning from a “new” school to a more established school, in the eyes of the Board.

-Sue also recommended purchasing some new trees for the kindie area, amounting to perhaps another $2500. This was generally agreed upon, to keep with the natural look of the playgrounds.

**Budget Requests**

1. Mrs. S (Tanya Saraiva – ECE with Ms. Roberts) has requested a set of 26 Alphabet Starter books as their kindie classroom is a new classroom (only 3 kindie classes last year, 4 this year) - $146.95 – approved
2. Mr. Riddell – requesting more spheros for Coding Club, as older ones are starting to die (some will no longer charge) – he requested 3, Council approved 6 @ 69.99/ea – approved for $500
3. Mr. Riddell – requesting funds for more board games for the Board Game club – approved for $100.
4. Mr. Landon – requesting funds for the home reading program (books, incentives) – requested $2500, Heather noted that chocolate bars paid for some home reading items (notably, bags). Therefore, Council approved $2000.
5. Mrs. Cuadrado – requesting funds for an extra set of Silver Birch books for the Forest of Reading program – Council discussed possibly purchasing two sets, but the last day to order has already passed – approved for 1 set, at $108.20.
6. Mrs. Cuadrado – requesting funds to start a Board Games Lending Library (done informally, using a card system, not through the WRDSB catalogue) – students would be able to check out board games to play at home – approved for $100.
7. Mrs. Gotsaridis – requesting funds for the grade 7 and 8 international Gauss Math Contest (would benefit 30+ students) - $4.75/person x 30 = $142.50 – approved.
8. Ms. Bassford – requesting funds for a new piano bench (our current one is not high or wide enough – approved for $100.
9. Ms. Bassford – requesting funds for next level of Piano Basics book – will benefit all students from grades 5-8 – approved for $130
10. Mrs. G and Mr. O – requesting funding for the grade 8 Ottawa trip – typically Council helps send 1 student every year – approved for $488.16.
11. Mrs. Palvetzian – requesting at least 4 games of Bananagrams – an anagram game that will enhance the language program at Moffat – approved for $120.
12. Mme. Padilla and the FI teachers – requesting funds to access 18 levels of PDF and video format-leveled French texts – will provide students access to over 500 videos and unlimited streaming for 1 year – approved for all grades 1-6, $350.
13. Special Education teachers – requesting funds for various tools – crossover pencil grips, fidget tools, visual therapy strategy games, theraputty, Go Talk recorder – approved for $552.75.

This brings our grand total to - $4839.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***TASAM – Sue/Heather -*** students had the opportunity to learn about inner light, feelings, art projects dealing with emotions and coping. Some of the activities included yoga, dramatic presentations, storytime, and crafting worry dolls. Parent night at Moffat as well was very beneficial for parents (approx. 30 parents attended).
2. ***Scholastic Book Fair (Nov. 12-15) – Adriana/Becca*** – many students are purchasing books. We are aiming to make around the same amount as last year.
3. ***Holiday Gift Store (Dec. 10-12) – Becca*** – donations are currently being brought in. Gift store will take place on the stage in the gym this year.
4. ***Other New Business -*** No Council meeting for December.

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

-Progress reports went out this week. PD. Day this Friday (Nov. 16), Parent interviews this Thursday and Friday.

-Ms. McKenna will be going on maternity leave soon, as will Mme. Dyck in the new year. Both positions will be posted.

-Reviewing chocolate bar funds and how to share/spend the funds.

-Holiday concert in discussion. No set date yet. The concert would be during the day.

-Primary teachers have received ‘dream box’ accounts – benefits grades 2-3.

-School passed health and safety audit. Working to ensure Moffat is ‘scent free’. School was asked to ensure that fire pole stations are clear.

-Traffic flow meeting is this Wednesday, November 21 at 9:30am; committee is meeting at Moffat. Asked Amy to produce an update regarding parking in front of the school property. Will discuss this more at the January meeting.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**:

Month of November – donation collection for the Holiday Gift Store

November 15 – Scholastic Book Fair family extended hours 3-6:30pm

November 16 – P.A. Day

Monday, December 10 – Holiday Gift Store Set-up

Tuesday, December 11 & Wednesday, December 12 – Holiday Gift Store

**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: 8:20pm (thanks for everyone’s patience!)

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: **Wed. Jan. 9, 2019**

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: School Library

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