

Moffat Creek Public School Council Meeting
Tuesday February 8, 2022
via Google Meet 6:30pm

In attendance:

Erica Gillespie, Michael Snyder, Becca Hardy, Shannon Schmidt, Gudrun Mackness, Christine Roth, Alida Kusch, Tanya Wormsley, Neil Moody, Tracy McGrath, Arpa Jaberian, Anwar Mousa

Regrets:

Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Amy Fraser, Adriana Leigh, Laura Cristache

Becca Hardy called meeting to order

A)Community Update (YMCA)- Becca Hardy

Barb is unable to attend tonight, so there is no community update for the YMCA

ANCC- Becca

Becca now has a contact with Alison Neighbourhood
They are offering a Winter Recreational program for various ages (March Break Camp, Learn to Skate, Cooking, etc)

Please visit their website for details and registration

<https://www.alisonneighbourhood.org>

B)Teacher Report- Christine Roth, Gudrun Mackness

Feb 14th, Red/White or fancy dress day

Report cards go home Feb 16th

Feb 16th, Winter Walk to School day

Feb 18th, Flannel Friday

Feb 21st, Family Day Holiday

Feb 23rd, Pink Shirt Day, WRSDB

All month long classes are discussing Black History Month as well as the Olympics

Lunar New Year was celebrated by some classes

C) Treasurer Report- Alida Kusch

One approved budget request has come out of the account \$601 from Nelson Publishing

Have contacted Mrs. Hillis to confirm because this amount does not match

D) New Business- Becca Hardy

1)FUNDRAISING-Laura not able to attend tonight, Becca gave a brief update on fundraising

Dominoes Pizza was a bit of a bust, raised \$90 for 3 wks

Laura was thinking to do Plantables again this year
very hands off for us as council

Can start orders in March and can place orders right up until August

Tanya- edibles for Easter? Reid's or Purdy's for chocolate and was also thinking Krispy Kreme donuts

Can we set up payment for parents through School day?

Erica- yes, it's likely possible, however, school day does have a fee

Becca- Terra Nursery emailed the school about fundraising through them
we will run into the same logistical problems with distribution of sales
\$500 min order and must be delivered within 12 hrs

Tracy- son's hockey team had a very successful Christmas chocolate fundraiser through Reid's

Becca- if already sorted by council outside of school and bagged with kids' names
could it be distributed by teachers? Brown bagged and stapled shut
Or possibly a weekend pickup in school parking lot

Tanya- nuts could be an issue

Tracy- hockey team was able to pick what they wanted to sell, so could avoid nuts

Erica-should look at having some non-easter chocolate options

Neil- offered Forward Church parking lot for pickup if school lot is not an option

Tanya- to call Reid's this week to discuss options

2)PRO GRANT- Parent's Reaching Out Grant

Ann Douglas will be speaker for PRO Grant night, topic- Parenting Through The Storm
Wed March 2nd @ 6:30pm

Ann will be joining us virtually to speak about anxiety, how to calm yourself and your child, and how to set the emotional tone for your family during difficult times
Chalmers PS parent community has been invited to join

Council approved to purchase 2 copies of Ann's book for the community section in the school library

Flyer to distribute to parents, to post on social media

Looking for a parent with graphic design background to help out with designing flyers for council

Arpa- could we put a call out to all parents at the school, surely there is a parent within the school community familiar with graphic design that can help out

Tracy- could play around with Canva if needed for this flyer

E)Principal's Report- Erica Gillespie

New Staff list:

Claire Metcalfe has been hired to fill Ms. Gotsaridis' position until the end of June

Mrs France retired and have hired for this custodial position

school had approx 150-180 students absent everyday for the first couple of weeks back to school

This week, approx 70-90 students were absent

Please screen all students, EVERYDAY, before coming to school

5-6 students are sent home everyday with COVID symptoms

Becca- can families get more tests?

Erica- unfortunately, not. the ministry did not send enough tests, school might receive more, but unsure when (if at all)

Currently have 6 JK students registered for the fall

Becca- can post a reminder on twitter and Tracy can to facebook

Nutrition break expectations

students go outside 1 of the 2 breaks

we do not have enough defined physical spaces to keep cohorts separated for everyone to go outside both breaks

students also have DPA and gym for another physical body break on certain days

during 20 mins of eating time- riskiest time because masks are off

windows are open, students are asked to face forward and not talk while eating

once eating break is finished, masks go back on and students can talk during the 2nd 20mins

Skating Races are cancelled this year

Grade 8 Year End Celebration T-shirts will be available for students. We want all families to have equal opportunity to purchase, if unable to, school fundraising will help subsidize

F)Adjourn- meeting adjourned 7:40pm

G)Next Meeting- April 12, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Google Meet (NO MARCH MEETING)