

# Margaret Avenue School Council Minutes

September 29, 2014

6:30 p.m., Library

**Present:** Ev Giannopoulos, Rita Givlin, Tammy Dahms, Carrie Foerster, Ang Clark, Karen Davey, Tanya Otterstein-Liehs, Cathrine Taylor, Leanne Lobsinger

## **Welcome to School Council:**

- advisory body
- collaborate with admin to improve learning and culture at Marg. Ave

## **Principal's Report:**

- Innovative Math Project: focus on collaborative inquiry and problem solving; view system video which showcases Margaret Avenue's staff and students
- Senior school - desire to involve parents
- SIP - School Improvement Planning - focus on collaboration, student voice and using technology to accelerate learning; continuing Innovative Math and beginning involvement in Innovative Language
- Reorganization - additional teacher to create grade 8 classroom, 8-6 began today with Ms. Kilibarda;
- Review: Standards of Practice from the Ontario College of Teachers
- Halloween Dance Oct. 31- appropriate costumes allowed; extracurricular involvement opportunities abound for students

## **Vice Principal's Report:**

- Communication - on line, surveys, agendas
- BYOD - revised policy available on website
- Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools - survey results
- Safety First - drills completed, Safe Schools begin
- Parent Involvement: volunteers needed for office help, fundraising, Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools team; stay in touch via twitter, instagram, website; parent-teacher interviews

## **New Business:**

- Future Fundraising; Gourmet Pretzels at \$2 each, 50% of price goes to school; before Christmas; Leanne to contact QSP magazine sales; January movie night
- Yearbooks - quality is amazing; approximately one third of students purchased; need committee
- Monday hot lunch - Leanne and Tammy will investigate ESNS
- Treasures: more orders coming in; Tammy and Leanne will get out to students ASAP; due Oct. 1

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## **Elections:**

Co-Chair: Tammy Dahms

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Secretary: shared

Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Council's Representative: Tammy Dahms and Ang Clark, Cathrine Taylor

## **Upcoming Dates:**

November 24, January 26, February 23, April 27, May 25

Minutes Approved