

# **New Dundee Public School**

## **School Council Meeting**

### **September 28, 2016**

**Attendance:** Brandy C (chair), Angie H, Rebecca B, Trevor S, Noel J, Dave M, Terry Y (community rep), Mr. Burnley, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Witze

#### **1. Welcome**

After introductions, last year's chair, Brandy Cameron, provided the role of the school council – to provide input on school priorities and enhance learning opportunities for students through various activities. Council meets approximately 6-7 times per year. Meetings are typically about an hour.

#### **2. Principal's Report**

- Mr. Burnley sees the school council as a great support and “equalizer” for the school - to offer opportunities to students.
- The start of the school year has gone very well. There are 180 students in 9 classes.
- The Board's focus area this year:
  - Student wellness.
  - Increasing graduation rate for high school
  - Math, math, math!
- NDPS math strategy:
  - Staff professional development on math at every staff meeting.
  - 10-15 minutes every day in each class dedicated to number fluency.
  - Every student has a personal white board at their desk and the school has removable dry-erase sheets that stick to walls and tables, etc. to allow students to practice math skills in a non-permanent and less intimidating format.
- 2016 EQAO test results:
  - Reading and writing results very strong for both grades 3 and 6. Math results good for Grade 3. Less so for Grade 6.
- Have had first fire drill and lock-down drills for the year – went well.
- This week's Terry Fox walk raised \$447.
- We Day is happening in Toronto next month. The school has 8 tickets. Mr. Heer is overseeing it. Haven't decided how they will allot the tickets.

#### **3. Election of School Council Roles**

- **Chair** - Brandy is happy to chair the council again but it is her last year at NDPS. Rebecca offered to co-chair.  
Angie nominated **Brandy Cameron** as Co-Chair. Trevor seconded.  
Angie nominated **Rebecca Byers** as Co-Chair Terry seconded.
- **Secretary** - **Noel Jull** volunteered to serve as Secretary. Dave moved. Angie seconded.
- **Treasurer** - **Dave Moore** agreed to continue as Treasurer. Brandy moved. Angie seconded.
- We will check if Karen will continue to handle the grants.

#### **4. Financial report and expectations of school financial needs**

- Bank account balance - \$5,297.59

- Typically get around \$5000 of funds through hot lunch program. This money is earmarked for specific purposes like field trips, transportation.
- Teacher wish list – iPads, data projectors, some small things – headphones, etc. This item list to be expanded and/or firmed up at future staff meeting(s).
- We will discuss planned expenses and fundraising requirements at the next meeting.

#### **5. Fundraising Plans**

- Plan to do Bag2School again – in January and May. Parent volunteer no longer at the school so will need someone else to take it on.
- Will discuss other fundraising needs and activities at the next meeting.

#### **6. Grants Update**

- Angie brought up a grant from a local Rotary group to accessing funds. Suggested that we use it for modified seating/desks for classrooms (e.g. wiggle cushions, stools, standing desks, etc).
  - Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Witze and Mr. Burnley agreed there is need for this type of equipment at the school.
  - Mr. Burnley will suggest some suppliers to investigate.
  - Angie will work with Karen on preparing grant application to request funds for stools and other items seen as helpful by School staff Mr. Burnley to compile a wish list. Deadline is December.
- Parent Involvement Grant – table this discussion for the next meeting. Would be good idea to use these funds to host a Family Math Night before Christmas.

#### **7. Meeting schedule**

- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Will be a planning meeting for the year's events/activities, grants and fundraising requirements.
- We will set future meetings at the next meeting. May alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10**