**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting**

**November 14, 2017**

**Attendance:** Rebecca B (chair), Noel J, Brittany L, Darlene R, Mr. Burnley, Mr. Heer

1. **Financial Report**
   1. Treasures Fundraising Update
      * Raised approximately $2,000.00
   2. Upcoming Expenditures
      * The plan is to buy between 12 and 14 Chrome Books
      * Bus field trip expenditures will be tallied in January and again in June
   3. Grant Update
      * No updates at this time
2. **Principal's Report**

* Remembrance Day was pulled off well, Mayor Les Armstrong attended.
* Progress reports have gone home. Parent teacher interviews can be booked. Thursday night interviews aren’t done at all schools.
* Friday is a PD Day. Student success planning in the morning and more parent teacher interviews can take place in the afternoon.
* A Spirit Day may take place at the end of the month.
* Week of giving is returning. December 4th through 8th, each day is a different focus. For example: teddy bears, toonies for turkeys, spread the warmth (hats, mitts, scarves) and a bake sale are options for this year.
* Christmas Concert Thursday December 14th.

1. **School council activity update & planning**
   1. Math Night
      * 6 - 8pm, with about an hour for tear down/clean up.
      * One or Two parent volunteers may be required to run some STEM activities.
      * Tables have been ordered. Setup begins at 10:30am.
      * Starbucks coffee will be available to serve.
      * There will be prizes for individuals with a draw the next day at school.
   2. Guest Speaker for Winter Parent Engagement Event
      * Looking into having someone from Inter-Faith counselling.
      * Topic to be determined at a future meeting.
      * March or April time-frame.
   3. Movie Event
      * Mr. Burnley has compiled a list of available children's movies which can be streamed using the boards existing media license.
      * We will vote for the movie at the next meeting in January.
      * May use the event as a means to collect charitable donations. Suggestions are welcome.
2. **School Wellness Update**

* Mr. Heer provided an overview of the various things that go on at NDPS to support a positive school climate and student wellbeing.
* The Staff are trying to instill the idea of citizenship and service to others. By working on these concepts they hope to have the students believe that they are creating a positive legacy at the school which will carry on even after they aren't students here anymore.
* There are a variety of ways to accomplish the involvement so that each student can be engaged to their own comfort level. Examples are:
  + **All** - Remembrance day, Christmas concert, food drives, aware challenges.
  + **Few** - Morning announcements, helping out with assemblies.
* Other ways that wellness is trying to be fostered:
* Support groups for academic support - reading support, math support with Education Assistants and Special Ed as required.
* Constant communication - class calendars, notes in planners, Twitter.
* PALS program during outdoor nutrition breaks.
* Junior Dragons program: sign crew, Me-2-We, eco-kids, lunch room helpers, bus patrol and more.
* These activities are in line with the school board’s HERO GEneration program, which focuses on building social-emotional health by fostering **H**ope, self-**E**fficacy, **R**esiliency, **O**ptimism, **G**rateful, **E**mpathy and Mindfulness in students.

1. **January-May Meeting Agenda Ideas**

* Are there other topics or things happening at NDPS that people would be interesting in hearing about at future meetings (as was done for School Wellness)?
* January meeting: discuss movie night planning and dance-a-thon planning.

1. **Future Parent Council Dates**

* December - no meeting planned
* January 16th, 7pm start
* February 13, 7pm start
* March - no meeting planned
* April 17th, 7pm start
* May 15th, 7pm start
* June - no meeting planned

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm