**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