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

**January 16, 2018**

**Attendance:** Rebecca B (chair), Noel J, Julie B, Angie H, Dave M, Terry Y (community rep.), Mr. Burnley, Mr. Heer

1. **Financial Report**
   1. Treasures Fundraising Update
      * One final membership sold in December
      * Treasures memberships are still available for purchase.
   2. One withdrawal to pay for the Family Math Night - $800
   3. Grant Update
      * Investors group grant - $500
   4. Current balance is around $6400
2. **Principal's Report**

* Week of Giving recap - 4 garbage bags for the Rangers' Teddy Bear toss, lots of cash for the food bank and clothes donations for out of the cold. The funds raised stay within Wilmot township.
* Bag 2 School pickup is on January 23rd.
* Spirit Wear Day went well and was a good time.
* A U of W School of Optometry clinic will happen on Wednesday.
* Kindergarten registration opened on Monday.
* Report cards go home February 23rd.
* Winter Carnival February 7th. There will be a costume rental fee associated with this event. Volunteers are also required. Hot chocolate, maple candies.
* Mad Science can happen on February 8th, if enough interest is shown by parents.

1. **School council activity update & planning**
   1. Guest Speaker for Spring Parent Engagement Event
      * A March or April date.
      * Fiona Roth from Inter-Faith counselling in New Hamburg would like to host a session.
      * Topic - kids and anxiety.
      * An adult only event.
   2. Movie Event
      * Paddington has been selected, movie to begin at 6:30pm, the movie is 90 minutes long, doors open at 6pm.
      * Popcorn machine - requires coconut oil and probably fresh popcorn and paper bags.
      * Angie to get candies, bottled water and drink boxes.
      * Funds raised will be used for a local benevolent purpose.
      * Grade 6 students to sell the popcorn.
   3. Dance-A-Thon
      * Funds to go toward school enhancements such as: painting a spirit mural in the gym, a washer/dryer, a buddy bench, , added technology or eco initiatives.
      * Items for purchase: bracelets, simple glow items, battery powered glow items. A display case can be setup to interest students in the upcoming event.
      * Angie will pick up the audio equipment from Sherwood rentals. Mixing board, 2 speakers, LED light.
      * Perhaps investigate purchasing this kind of hardware for school use. A portable setup could be used in different places in and outside the school.
   4. Upcoming events
      * A spring memorial for and tree planting for Christopher MacIntosh.
      * Chess organizer, Sue Edwards runs an 8 week chess program over nutrition breaks. This would be a possibility for next year.
      * Consider running a Treasures mini-campaign after March break to sell remaining cards, or use as a targeted fundraiser for a class/club.
2. **Future Parent Council Dates**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm