

New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting February 19, 2019

Attendance: Noel J, Rebecca B, Julie B, Terry Y (Community Rep), Ms. Hagey-Nichols

Regrets: Dave M, Angie H, Mr. Heer

1. **Follow-up from past meeting** (<http://schools.wrdsb.ca/ndd/files/2019/02/CouncilMinutes-15Jan2019.doc>)

- Mrs. Hagey-Nichols is still looking for a suitable supplier to purchase school pinnies.

2. **School Council financial report**

- Received \$212.25 from Bag 2 School.
- Closing balance from January \$4,059.28
- Will have approximately \$4000 proceeds from Danceathon.
- Grants update:
 - Parent Reaching Out grant (\$1,000) needs be spent and reported by June 19, 2019. What other parent engagement activities would be eligible to use it for?
 - **Rebecca will send Julie list of grants and application deadlines.**

3. **Principal's report**

- Mme. Mangal has accepted another position. Mrs. Hagey-Nichols is looking for a temporary replacement until Mme. Gawne returns from mat leave.
- A new DECE, Christa Taggart, has been hired to replace Jacqueline Hannah until Mrs. Eby returns in the fall.
- Mme. Mangal has organized an outdoor French Carnival event for tomorrow.
- Danceathon was very successful again this year - \$4,200 collected.
- The Kodaly choir singing the national anthem at the KW Titans game on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
- A few NDPS staff and students are attending the Optimists annual Youth Appreciation event on Tuesday night. Some Grade 6 students are receiving awards.
- The school has purchased a large wall sticker of the previous ND Dragon mascot for the front entrance.

4. **Activity planning**

Final plans for Movie Night:

- Mr. Mac has offered to set up the equipment.
- Mrs. Boshart has the cash box and float ready.
- Angie has bought the treats and will pick up popcorn.
- Will set up a few chairs along the walls and gym mats on the floor.
- Have put out a request for volunteers. Noel, Rebecca, Angie, Dave and Darlene are able to volunteer as needed.

Discussion of possible April 11th community dinner with Optimists:

- Venue: The Community Centre has been reserved booked through Optimists. Is the Township able to provide it for no charge?
- Serve dinner (buffet) between 5:00 and 7:00pm. **Terry will confirm this is OK with Bob**
- Village Caterer's menu: Lasagna, Spaghetti with meat sauce and marinara sauce, Caesar salad, Garlic bread, Ice-cream, possibly cookies. Bob charges \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.
- Suggested ticket price: \$17.50 for adults \$5.00 for kids? Charge more at the door (\$20)? **Terry will get Optimists' input on pricing.**
- Tickets sold through the school office.
- Profits would be shared 50/50.
- We would need volunteers to support: Set-up, Ticket takers, Serving, Clean-up, Ticket sales, Promotion. Estimate about 20 people needed to help out at the event.
- Would be good to have other community group involvement to assist with promotion and help recruit volunteers - Board of Trade, Women's Institute, Manheim Optimists, Wilmot Women's Optimists. Laura could reach out to these groups to ask for their support.
- Promotion: Through School Day, posters at the post office, library and Village Variety; through local churches, service groups, Twitter, and local Facebook pages (e.g. ND mom's group).
 - Could we do a mail-out via post office? How much would this be for postage and printing?
- Entertainment – could Kodaly choir sing?
- Hold a silent auction to raise additional funds?
- There aren't enough people around the table today to plan and organize the event. Would need to form a separate joint planning committee and get a number of committed volunteers from both parties. Would need to have the first planning meeting asap – in the next two weeks. Would March 6 and 7 at 6:30 pm be possible? **Terry will check with Optimists on availability.**
- If this is a go, would need to get the word out to the school community asap to save the date and round up a few people to help with the planning committee. In addition to School Day, we could promote at movie night and have a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Scheduling spring activities:

- Bag 2 School collection dates: May 21- 28.
- Staff appreciation lunch – **Laura will check with staff for available dates during the first two weeks of June.**

5. No open items.

6. **Upcoming Meetings:** March 19 (if needed) , April 16, May 21

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm