

New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting May 21, 2019

Attendance: Noel J, Rebecca B, Terry Y, Mr. Heer, Ms. Hagey-Nichols

Regrets: Angie H, Julie B

1. Follow-up from past meeting (<http://schools.wrdsb.ca/ndd/files/2019/04/NDPSCouncilMinutes-April-2019.pdf>)

- Julie has explored Canada Post and other grants but we will hold off until next year to allow more time to clearly define a need and put together a good application.
- Lines on tarmac have been repainted – look great!
- Laura continues to explore other playground upgrades but many are quite costly
- Other follow-up to be discussed as part of today's agenda.

2. School Council financial report

- Account balance: \$7,701.10
- Upcoming expenditures (will leave balance of \$2,000-2,500)
 - \$983.15 – Tarmac repainting
 - \$2,000 – new technology equipment, including Chromebooks and iPads
 - \$500 – Entertainer for staff appreciation day
 - \$250 – Eco club for spring gardening supplies and plants.
 - ~\$700 – Grade 6 grad trip to Chicopee and gift (locks)
 - Additional year-end field trip bussing expenses TBD. Field trip bussing runs about \$150/trip. School council has agreed to cover one field trip per class per year (total of ~\$1,200)

3. Year-end reporting

- Principal Profile form – Noel and Rebecca will gather input and submit.
- PRO grant report – Rebecca will submit and connect with Annette to handle the financial reporting.
- Summary report of council activities – Rebecca will prepare a one-pager to send home with students.

4. Principal's report

- Staffing levels for next year are expected to remain the same.
- 450 students attended the Dragon Run last week. It was a very successful again this year!
- Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday, May 23 – outdoor learning to occur during the middle block
- PA Day on May 31 – teachers to work on report cards

- EQAO testing starts tomorrow (Grade 6s) and next week for Grade 3s. Once again, a fresh fruit snack will be provided to students before the test.
- Grade 6s will go to Sir Adam Beck for Grade 7 orientation on June 5. Also a parent information night that evening.
- Jump Rope for Heart on June 5 – students encouraged to bring a toonie to participate
- Track and Field meet on June 7 at NDPS and the area meet at Jacob Hespeler on June 18.
- Volunteer appreciation breakfast hosted by school staff – June 14
- Classroom field trips:
 - Primary classes to U-Turn Ranch on May 24
 - Kindies and primary classes to splash pad on June 10
 - Grade 4/5s to Towne Bowl on June 17
 - Grade 6s to Chicopee on June 14
- Grade 6 graduation is on June 17
- Dental screening for kindergarten students on June 19
- Kindie picnic on June 24
- Report cards go home June 25
- Elective classes will run on June 25 and 26 for students in Grade 1 to 6
- Beach Day on the last day of school - June 27
- Hot lunches will run to the end of the school year

5. Activity planning

- **Bag 2 School pick up** – Grade 6 students will be able to assist with loading the bags next week.
- **Staff appreciation lunch** will be hosted by School Council 12-1pm on June 11
 - Angie has plans covered. A request has been sent out for donations for food items, etc. Ray's Reptile Zoo is booked to provide entertainment for students. We will need volunteer assistance:
 - set-up/serving starting at 11:15 am
 - student supervision in the gym (12-1pm)
 - clean-up at 1pm
 - Mr. Heer expressed that all the school staff really appreciate this annual tradition at NDPS and value the rare opportunity to eat lunch all together. It is not something that happens at many other schools and staff are grateful.
- **Gardens maintenance** – The same student that has assisted in the past with maintaining the school gardens at the front over the summer will help out again. We will monitor the need to clean things up in June before Grade 6 grad.
- **Kindie orientation packages** – We hope to include school council information in the packages that are sent to kindergarten students for next year. **Rebecca will speak with Annette.**

6. Planning for Fall 2019

- **Meet the Teacher** - Tentatively set for Thursday, September 12th (unless it conflicts with Sir Adam Beck's night). Will not offer pizza and other food again as uptake has declined in recent years and it is difficult to organize early in the school year with minimal volunteer support. Instead, we will explore whether hot lunch providers are interested in attending and offering samples as East Side Mario's did last September. **Laura to contact ESM and Gino's. Rebecca to contact Pita Pit.**
- Planning of other fall activities, including fundraising, events and a parent survey will occur at the September meeting.

7. Meeting date for September:

- Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7pm
- The agenda will focus on sharing/discussing ideas for 2019-20 school year priorities and activities, reviewing grant opportunities, as well as planning fall events and fundraisers.
- We will hold off electing school council positions until the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.