**School Council Meeting**

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

**Attendance**: Peter West, Karen Marriott, Julie Koehler, Corey Kimpson, Heather Campbell, Jim Graham, Heidi Stelzner, Sandy Welsh, Wendy Johnston, Trish Wilbur, Michelle Maracle, Leslie Greener, Taylor Milburn-Salytchev, Shannon McMahon, Liz McMahon, Jenn Morton

**Welcome**

* Introductions
* Housekeeping:
	+ We speak one at a time
	+ Make decisions by consensus
	+ Self- nomination form: formality (and School Board requirement), biography not required to be completed
	+ Council Board: elected individuals
	+ Volunteers do not need to be council members, can come to meetings and not be on the board

**Bingo**

* Sponsors Association for the Bingo Centre (fundraiser for the school)
* New program being rolled out throughout the entire province (OLG) in an attempt to draw in new demographics
* Sandy provided update:
	+ Arrived 15 minutes early
	+ School supplies a vest to wear (name tag provided). Must wear black dress pants, white collared shirts with the vest. Clean, tidy shoes required.
	+ Sign in
	+ Role is Guest Services (helped people to their seats, etc)
	+ People at Bingo know what they’re doing (no assistance to the patrons required)
	+ May need to “call out numbers”
	+ Beware of the time – we are only there until 11:30pm (no one will tell you when it’s time to leave)
	+ Looking for volunteers for the next 2 Saturdays in September
	+ Corey will email out the next Bingo training dates when they are known

**Pizza**

* Pizza Hub is no longer open, so we need to select a new pizza provider
* Parent Council evaluated “Remember Me Catering” pizza during the meeting
* Order forms are made by RMC, they collect the money, they unload the pizza (very convenient, cuts down on PPS volunteer administration)
* Looking for a volunteer for next year to assist with pizza: Julie Koehler volunteered to assist Lee Ann
* They make gluten free pizza and meet the School Board nutrition guidelines
* **Consensus**: give RMC a try for the month of October

**School News**

* Peter reviewed the contributions of School Council from last year
* 230 students this year
* 3 new EA’s
* 3 new DECE’s (perform before and after school care as well)
* New music teacher
* New grade 5/6 math teacher
* Emergency response team has met
* Character development team has met
* Terry Fox QDPA Day next Friday
* Meet the teacher night, promoting school council
* Strong Start: develops early literary skills – looking for volunteers to assist with this
* Staff meeting – reviewed Board priorities for students and learning
* Assembly – junior presentation on cyber bullying
* Primary assembly on inclusion
* Kindergarten – full day (itinerary teacher works with teachers on planning their day)
* Renovation update: construction accident occurred where debris was knocked into a washroom. No students were inside at the time. Area now deemed safe.
	+ Hoping that construction is completed by the end of October
* Safe Schools training day on Friday (Peter)
* School bus patrols to be trained on Monday
* 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill to be completed this fall
* Watched Video: Review of Board Improvement Plan

**Financial Update** (Jim)

* Explanation of spreadsheet
* Balance carried over from last year: $5,068.11 (yearbook money still to be deposited)
* Discussion on what the bingo funds can be spent on (technology for the school…)

**Volunteer Opportunities**

* Parent Council
* Home Reading Program (one morning per week) – Heidi volunteered to assist Andrea
* Lunch Program (assist with Lee Ann with distribution, etc)
* Music Festival (Central Park: we sell cold drinks, popcorn) – decided not to pursue this year
* Candy Land (Central Park: we sell candies, baked goods, etc). Evaluate which vendors will be there so that we can sell something unique and profitable
* Possibility of setting up a special events team (volunteers: Taylor, Kelly, Heidi, Liz, Leslie, Karen, Trevor)
* Panda breakfast club
* Strong Start
* Greening team
* Magazine fundraiser (Jenni is looking for a volunteer to work with her)
* Chapters shopping night (we receive a percentage of the sales from this)

**Council Membership Election**

* Corey explained the process of electing the board
* Proposed postponing the election to October
* Meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday every month at 7:00

**Other Business**:

* Reminder: if you are a volunteer in the school and work with the children (or handle money), you are required to have a volunteer police record check done. Parent council will reimburse you for the cost.
* Child care can be provided for each School Council meeting. Please call the office by the Friday before the meeting.

**Next Meeting**: Tuesday, October 15th (the third Tuesday of every month) at 7:00pm