

School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Library 7:00 pm

7:00 to 7:10 pm Welcome Chairs
Attendance - Peter, Wendy, Kelly, Corey, Krista, Marlene, Jenni, Taylor, Trish, Julie,
Michelle
Introductions
Council Overview

7:15 to 7:25 School News Peter

- Calendar / Communication Update
- Thanks to school council for June Year End party at Eddies Pool
- Staffing changes - New Dev Ed teacher Melanie Brown, Music/Health Ella Weber, Kristi McKeon covering 2 days a week in Ms. Cross and Ms. Payette's classes.
- We are down one class from last year. Numbers after the first week were submitted to the board. If there is a chance of reorganization (due to another section being added back), Peter will hear tomorrow.
- Learning theme for the Board this year is Problem Solving and Communicating Thinking. Peter shared the 2015-2016 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) video.
- School Website - Board is looking for websites to be the main communication tool for schools. Peter took us on a walk-through of the website. Parents can provide their email to subscribe to the website - then they will receive emails when a new newsfeed item on the school website.
- "School Day" online payment/communication tool expected to roll out in approximately January.
- Financial Update -
- Bingo account sits at about \$5,000 (Planner cost to come out soon, the rest will be earmarked for bus fees)
- Balance in general account is about \$10,000 (Some will be used to pay for greening project)
- Balance in WEFI account for greening
- Meet the Teacher - Postponed pending the resolution of contract negotiations with teacher union

7:25 to 7:45 Council Nominations Corey/Peter

- Treasurer - Role is changing because of changes to the way the Board does its accounting. Role will be more about budgeting and less about writing cheques/managing bank accounts. Krista will take this on.
- Secretary - Taking Minutes, emailing messages to council members, etc. Jenni will continue in this role for this year.

- Co-Chair - Corey has another year in her two year term. We need a new co-chair to start a two year term. Taylor will take on this role. Thanks, Taylor!
- We also need a new bingo coordinator and Pizza lunch coordinator - Julie will be pizza coordinator and Marlene, Taylor and Trish will help her. Marlene will be Bingo coordinator.

7:45 to 7:55 Greening Update Taylor

- Kindergarten area has mulch now
- The rest of the first phase - elements around the creative playground and the zig zag log in the far corner of the playground - will be commencing in the coming weeks. Trees may be in November. Phase two will be in the spring.
- Funding is coming along well - we are more than halfway there and are still waiting to hear on grant applications that have been submitted

7 :55 to 8 :15 Pizza days – looking for volunteers Corey

Bingo time slots, Marlene will be our new coordinator
 Thurs, Oct 8 - 8:45 - 11:30 - Marlene and Taylor
 Sat, Oct 10 - 8:45 - 11:30 - ?
 Sat, Nov 7 - 8:45 - 11:30 - ?
 Thurs, Dec 31 - 8:45 - 11:30 - Taylor and ?

Yearbook committee - Bingo funds have been cleared to subsidize this project for this year. Templates are available from some of the photo companies (Jostens, Life Touch), so that may be an option to make the job a little easier. Trish will take this project on this year. Thanks, Trish! Peter will let teachers know that this is happening so that they can share their photos.

Fundraising - Jenni will move forward with QSP fundraiser to kick off in October. Corey has set up Mabel's Label fundraiser. Peter will add info about this to the website.

8:15 Adjournment