**Prueter Public School Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 24th, 2018**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jennifer Crits Kathy Dunnett

**Parents in Attendance:**

Angela Wenderoth Michelle Bishop Meaghan Olinski

Jonathan Teichroeb Kerry Cressman Andrew Woolsey

Becky Jarvis Tina Flood Jen Sharpe

Emily Schraud

7:09 pm Meeting Open and Welcome

7:09 pm Approval of Last Meeting’s (May 2018) Minutes (Tina, Becky)

7:09 pm Approval of Agenda (carried)

7:10 pm Elections

* Angela W and Tina F uncontested for continuing as Co-Chairs
* Becky Jarvis uncontested as new Secretary

7:13 pm Chair’s Report

Fundraising

Meet the Teacher BBQ

* raised approximately $400
* sold an additional $80 in Mint Smoothies
* very few hotdogs left over this year

Spirit Wear

* lots of people tried on the sample sizes at the BBQ
* raised approximately $500-$600

Fresh From the Farm

* orders due to the school by October 10, delivery in late November/early December
* 40% of profits go to the school, with a portion donated to the NFL program

Parking Newsletter

* Ms Crits is working on getting it out soon
* its purpose is to remind people about etiquette and safety around the school entrances

Prueter Pickers

* 1st school-wide check was last week
* just 3 students found with head lice
* always looking for volunteers
* takes approximately 2 hours maximum to check all students, younger children welcome to accompany volunteers

Clean Water Station

* has not yet been installed, but we are in the queue to get it done
* we are now getting TWO stations, at no cost to the school
* working on getting the Board to commit to an installation date

School Day

* Mrs. Dunnett cautioned that parents watch payments only go through once
* Mrs Dunnett is using it to post her classroom calendar, etc
* School Day charges a 2.9% fee, therefore costs of pizza/milk have been raised slightly to compensate for that
* first day of school went smoothly
* Ms Crits will be using School Day to post notes (ie Coffee Connections)

NFL

* volunteers needed for bagging of snacks on Tuesday/Wednesday afternoons (approximately a 1-hr time commitment, depending on number of volunteers)
* volunteers also needed for counting/restocking snack bins each afternoon (approximately a 45 min time commitment, starting at 2:30pm)

Strong Start

* volunteers needed
* one-on-one; playing games to augment/reinforce letter/language skills
* Fall – grades 1 & 2; Spring – SKs added
* time commitment
  + 2 x ~2hr training sessions
  + 30 mins/student/week
  + 10 week program
* training schedules can be found at strongstart.ca

7:33 pm Principal’s Report

Moving Edgeucation

* well-received by staff and students
* teachers received training the night before the program was delivered
* teachers now have access to all online curriculum associated with this program
* paid for with fundraising money

Coffee Connections

* trying for the last Wednesday of every month, 9:30-10:45am in the school library, childcare available for preschoolers, coffee and snacks provided
* September 26 – Terese from KW Counselling
* topic – Positive Discipline
* we always welcome suggestions for new topics and/or speakers

Construction

* breezeway classrooms received new counter-to-ceiling windows and refreshed sink areas
* opaque blinds have arrived
* roof and flashing work to be done while school not in session
* Prueter is in the queue for a front-office renovation, but could likely take another 1-2 years

PD Day

* staff worked on “school improvement planning” in the morning
* afternoon sessions were on the Board’s “Operational Goals” (Mathematics, Graduation Rates, Student and Staff Wellbeing) – detailed info: wrdsb.ca/learning
* Prueter’s focus:
  + continue focus on Math – new “Math Up” program
  + focus on reading and writing
    - guided reading
    - small group instruction
  + sprucing up playground area with painted, multi-coloured games
    - look into a “Superman Wall”
    - who can get involved with the painting/work? Maybe art departments/students at the Colleges/Universities

7:53 pm Macmillan’s Fundraiser (Tina)

* as cookie-dough drove the earnings from the QSP – dough fundraiser, we looked at switching dough providers and dropping magazines as QSP was often vexatious to work with
* Macmillan’s offers a more diverse selection – from cookies to soups to pierogies
* have nut-free offerings
* will take place late Oct./early Nov., with delivery in Dec.

7:59 pm Questions

* What does fundraising pay for?
  + many things such as home reading books, the wrought-iron Kindergarten fence, big screen in the gym, document cameras for classrooms, Chrome book protective sleeves, assistance to some of our school families, as a few examples of recent purchases
* How much fundraising money did we raise last year?
  + approximately $11, 000
* have we done a book exchange before?
  + discussed this as a possible event

8:10 pm Set next Council Meeting for TUESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2018

8:10 pm Meeting Closed