

Rockway School Council (A.K.A. Fun Parent, School and Kids Meeting)

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016

Present: Bobbie Chatha, Alison Cass, Krista Faw, Desiree Hinsperger, Maria (from Kingsdale), Hala H., Debbie R., Ashely G, Monica M., Vicki McL., Emily L., Santi T. and Vadsana K.

****** Please Note... We apologize if we missed your name on the above Present list. Thank-you******

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Community Centre - Kingsdale - Maria

- Maria joined us from the Kingsdale Community Centre which is located at 72 Wilson Ave. It is run with a partnership between City of Kitchener, House of Friendship and the Kingsdale Neighbourhood Association. She shared that they are open to suggestions for program ideas. There is an outreach worker through the House of Friendship that can help with subsidies if needed. There is a newsletter that outlines all of the offerings...piano lessons, youth drop in, dance lessons, cooking programs and more.

3. Principal Report and School Updates

- Math Updates: Family Math Night - this will be held in February. This will be an open house evening with some ideas for games to build math fluency.

- Turkey Lunch - it was a fantastic day! There was such a great guest turnout including the Director, Trustees and our Superintendent. Thank you to the volunteers as well. Next year, we will stagger the serving of seconds. There was also an idea for smaller plates for the kindies next year might cut down on wasted food.

-MacMillans Orders - We raised enough through this fundraiser 3 more Chromebooks and 2 more iPads. The cost was about \$1800 for all of the devices.

4. Staff Report - when everyone returns in January we will not have snack bins for the first couple of weeks. Parent volunteers are still needed to prepare snack bins 5 days a week.

There have been snow pants, mitts and boots that have been donated in case any student needs them. Snow brings a whole new element to playing outside. The major rules are that no one is allowed to throw snowballs and there are no crazy carpets or sleds allowed without helmets. Bobbie is going to check on the actual policy (if the sleds are allowed if everyone has a helmet).

5. Fundraising by School Council

- Marketplace? This was a big success in the past and Bobbie asked if people are still interested and if there is anyone interested in being in charge of it.

A motion was put forth by Bobbie to hold the Marketplace, it was passed and seconded. It will be held on Thursday, April 27th. Amanda will be the staff representative and Krista Faw and Ashley and Vicky volunteered to assist. Alison will organize the gift baskets, we can ask Katie Reid to do face painting again, approach another parent to take pictures for a photo booth, we will ask families to bring baking for the bake sale, there is already a person who will donate the food for a hot dog sale. For the people who are willing to help run this fundraiser there will be meetings in January, February and March.

6. Closing Remarks –

On January 9th Mr. Boucher will be going to Tait St. School because he is covering a maternity leave for Mrs. Schumacher. She accepted the position at the other school. Bobbie has interviewed for the replacement and the decision will be made by the end of the week. However, that teacher then has the option of staying in their current position until the end of the year. So there may be a "supply" teacher hired for the remainder of the year.

Ms. Pawson will be going on maternity in the New Year. Her contract has been increased from .83 to now be a full time teacher at Rockway. Her duties include some planning time coverage.

Mrs. Chatha will be off next week and there will be colleagues covering some of her duties.

A motion to end the meeting was made and passed and seconded.

Next meeting: January 11th, 2017 at 6pm in the library