

Rockway School Council
Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Present: Bobbie-Jo Lovell, Desiree Hinsperger

1. In the fall the Vesey's fundraiser was held. Approximately \$700 was raised. Stemmler's fundraiser raised approximately \$1500.
2. Pizza day is currently on hold.
3. Teacher Report - on hold
4. Principal Report -
 - a. Grade 6s outdoor education trip was held in the fall.
 - b. In October the Kitchener Fire department came to visit kindergarten students.
 - c. Ms. Gert (SERT) is now running Caribou Math program with students (taking over from Ms. Ingram)
 - d. Kindergartens went to the pumpkin patch and got to bring pumpkins home in October.
 - e. Grade 6s went to overnight camp in the fall and a great time.
 - f. The Rockway soccer team has participated in soccer games vs. Mackenzie King and vs. Sunshine Montessori school soccer teams.
 - g. Colouroos assemblies have been held - Empathy (January), Kindness (December). There has been some recognition of students who demonstrate these qualities (including the giving out of spirit wear). This month the skills and character ed will continue without assemblies during job action.
 - h. Rockway does have a new creed as well as new some new supervisor vests with an updated logo (Roo with the umbrella). Ms. Lovell will attach the new creed. Outside of the office there will be a new mural done by a local artist displaying aspects of the new creed.
 - i. The Terry Fox run was a success again this year.
 - j. The Remembrance Day ceremony was also very well run (mostly by students) with help from staff
 - k. Roots of Empathy is being held in Room 8 this year. Ms. Ingram is the staff contact for the program.
 - l. The K-W Humane Society visited in November.
 - m. A student has requested a Gay Straight Alliance. Ms. Ingram is hoping to help run the group.
 - n. The new model for Nutrition for Learning is running well.
 - o. Carnival was held in January - a very successful day run very much by students with staff support.
 - p. SHYFT (run by the YMCA) - is being run in the school. There is a boys group and girls group.
 - q. There was some math training in October for teachers. Also, Ms. Lovell and a couple of other staff attending training at the board around culturally responsive practices (and how to be aware of biases and how to best support all students) - they then shared the material with other staff.

- r. Kindergarten staff training also occurred around self-regulation etc. This training is a continuation of training from last year.
- s. New home reading books have been ordered again this year (approximately \$1500).
- t. The library construction and air conditioning is pretty much completed. There is just a little extra work to be completed in the side rooms. Ms. Lovell has requested a door between Room 5 and 6 so kindles can access the washroom. There has also been a request to redo the office (long term plan). In the short term there should be some new furnishings coming in the spring.
- u. Ms Snyder has gone off early on maternity leave. Mr. Holmes was filling in until someone was hired. This Monday, Mr. Price took over and will be finishing the rest of this school year. Ms. Hussein will also be going off on maternity leave in the spring.
- v. Report cards will not be coming home.

Next meeting: April 1st at 4:15pm in the library