SANDHILLS P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 | 6:30 PM | SANDHILLS LIBRARY

MEETING CALLED BY	Della Sousa – Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Parent Council
NOTE TAKER	Ashley Cooper
STAFF ATTENDANCE	Christine Hristoff – Vice Pricipal, Silvana Hoxha – Pricipal, MJ Seaman – Teacher
PARENT ATTENDANCE	Christian S, Kelly M, Beth R, Cindy S, Joe A, Amber A, Kristen L, Ashley C, Jennifer A, Sabrina S

Agenda topics

CHAIR UPDATE **DELLA**

DISCUSSION
- Review previous minutes

SCHOOL UPDATE **SILVANA/CHRISTINE/MJ**

DISCUSSION

- 712 total – registrations and students moving out – a few more starting in coming week.
- As of march of last year we were at 725 anticipated.
- JK/SK 28-29 kids (no cap in those classes)
 	
- Went from 31 classes to 30 classes
  o Majority of registrations in primary classes
  o New home forms due to shuffling – why data verification forms didn't go home until Friday
 	
- Bipsa – focus on collaboration and math
  o Theme of creative and critical thinkers
 	
- Continuing to encourage parents to register on our website to receive updates
- Lots of new staff members – 10 in total (teachers, EAs ECEs)
- Two great welcome assemblies first week
- Friday was a reminder of Sandhills guide for behavior – teachers dressed up as characters
 	
- Guest speaker next week Tuesday Sept 22nd – Thanh Campbell – 9 AM
  o Author of Orphan 32
  o Message is about perseverance and finding out who you are
 	
- No parent teacher meetings not booked at this point in time

FINANCIAL UPDATE **SABRINA**

DISCUSSION

- Nothing has been moved yet from fundraising account
  o 37, 797 in fundraising account
  o 11,500 from chocolates going into greening account
- Sabrina wants motion to move 10K to greening. This will not affecting bussing.
- Approx. 16K will remain in the fundraising acct.
- This is not including WEFI money
- Thank you to Della for all her hard work over the summer!!!

MOTION: PASSED	**CALLED BY**	**SECOND**
Move additional 10K from Fundraising to Greening	Sabrina	Ashley

ACTION ITEMS	**PERSON RESPONSIBLE**	**DEADLINE**
Collect WEFI account details from Hayley	Sabrina	Oct-05-2015

GREENING INITIATIVE **DELLA**

DISCUSSION
- Tranquility garden should be done by end of September - Didn't mean budget due to price increases - Prince has gone up 25% from when we applied for grant last year - Finishing anyway knowing supplementations in place - Second piece being priced out – 17 K for path and sandbox - Getting 6 or so shade trees - Cash donations are the most effective. - Earth scapes - 6,450 paid for 3K coming from region - 20,000 spent on garden and bench - Della raised concern about morning outdoor monitors keeping kids off the rocks, Silvana and Christine will follow up.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION
Bussing - No decision ATM - Wait until we have a better idea - Deferred School Photos - Lifetouch called last week wanted to know what our plan was - Wanted to honour commitment for this year - Have both companies come back to present for 2016/2017 school year - Honour commitment for this year with edge - Class pictures are smaller ask regarding those Strong Start - 4 New volunteers - Keep persuing other ways to meet people - 2 sessions of training and they request an hour a week so you can assist 2 students School Council Bulletin How to involve more parents Communication coordinator? Mondays and Fridays – ESNS - Reach out - Find out about pizza being done in the school Yearbook - Christian will no longer be taking it on - Student led initiative with Staff head - Yearbook committee Fun Fair - Successful - 150 donated cash Next meeting Oct 5th Nomination forms will go home

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reach out to ESNS	Ashley	Oct-05-2015
Confirm if pizza will be covered by School again	Silvana	Oct-05-2015

END TIME	7:51 PM
NEXT MEETING	Oct 5th 2015