November 2019

Thursday November 14, 2019
6:30 PM

Meeting name:	School Council Meeting
Meeting purpose:	School Council is a group of parents, school and community members who are committed to working together to support their local school. School Councils typically deal with agenda items such as the following: • development of bylaws and procedures for the school council • code of conduct and safety initiatives for students • fundraising policy and programs, etc.
Meeting date & time:	November 14, 2019 at 6:30pm
Location details:	Sandhills Library
Meeting Chair:	Nadina Donkersgoed
Minute Taker:	Karen Power

AGENDA

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Owner
1	5 mins	Approval of Prior Minutes	All
2	15 mins	School Updates	Nancy/Beth
3	5 mins	Financial Update	Kerri
4	5 mins	Parent Engagement Subcommittee	Nadina
5	5 mins	Parking Lot Attendant	Nancy/Nadina
6	5 mins	Greening	Beth
7	10 mins	Fundraising	Kerri/Kim
8	5 mins	PIC and WRAPC update	Beth
9	5 mins	Social Media	Jan & Beth
10	15 mins	Any other Topics	All

11		Next Meeting – Dec 11, 2019	

----------MEETING MINUTES----------

Participants

Karen P	Nancy M	Beth C	Kerri P
Kim F	Akshay S	Adrienne D	Nadina D

Agenda Items	
Item #1 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	• Minutes approved

Item #2 School Update	• Pumpkin carving – thanks from the kids. Got a deal on the pumpkins so only used half the funds, looking for approval to use the remainder on tiny houses project
	  • Approved
	• Angel Tree of gifts – staff were not interested, there isn't a lot of gifts coming in and teachers communicate that gifts aren't needed. So we will not move ahead with it
	• Kindies asking for $500 for outdoor play equipment, kids shovels, scoops, etc
	  • Approved
	• Bucket drumming group is large this year (70 students), therefore we need to buy buckets. $133.92 for the buckets
	  • Approved
	• Around the World music program ($695) – will use the Bingo funds for that. Nancy had emailed council
	  • Approved
	• Bike racks – last meeting discussed adding a set at the back of the school. Nancy contacted facilities who determined that it would cost $4800 to pour a cement pad to anchor the rack and then we would move a rack from the front to the back. Bikes are more likely to be stolen in that area, more visible by the parking lot. Nancy checked a few days in a row and there were only 8 bikes in the racks. We will table that idea. Agree the cost isn't worth it.
	• $1200 for rocks and rings (curling), Beth was going to send contact info to Nancy, but info hasn't been sent. Nancy will follow up
	• PIC grant money of $500 has been allocated to us. To encourage parent engagement
	• PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant application form – usually around $1000. To encourage parent involvement, have speakers, etc. We can apply but we have to have an idea of what we want to do.
	  • Umbrella project – had a speaker (Dr. Jen) come in and speak about the program a few years ago.

	• Last year we did the literacy and math night. So this year we need to come up with another idea.
	• Have until Dec 18 to apply.
	• Would it be worth having the speaker about the Umbrella project come back in now that the program has been implemented?
	  • Core competencies develop an umbrella and the struggles are the rain. Nancy can reach out to Dr. Jen.
	• Another idea is a science night by the University of Waterloo Engineering outreach program. Adrienne to reach out to her contact and get options. STEM Lab may another idea
	• Play - company that does a grade 3-6 program and a k-3 program. Nancy will reach out to see if they do anything at night. Plays are about $1000 for during the day. May need to do two nights – one for each group
	• Same company offers and anti-bullying play as well, was done last year
	• Review of EQAO results
	  • Doing well in Reading and Writing, however we have work to do in Math when compared to the province
	  • Comments about teachers communicating more positively about EQAO in order to lower stress levels
	  • We are on par with the board
	• Next week is bully awareness week in the region
	• Presentation on Nov 19 by Kevin O'Reilly – on wellbeing and mindfulness (primary and junior)
	• Nov 20 & 21 – two days of marital arts for students
	• Nov 22 – bus evacuation.
	• Nov 28 – SK vision screening. This year just SK rather than JK and SK
	• Dec 4 – Grade 3 swim to survive starts
	• Dec 11 – next council meeting
	  • Do we need a meeting? Just to discuss the PRO application
	• No concert in December – moved to January

Item #3 Financial Update	• Received cheque from Loyalty Funding $855 • Got approval for last year's money being put in this year's account • Still don't have access to see funds
Item #4 Parent Engagement Subcommittee	• Sandra booked a nature walk for Feb 11 at Huron Natural Area, Nadina to confirm time. Indoor talk and then looking for owls • Dance this year? Isn't meant to be a fundraising effort, meant for engagement. People enjoy it. Usually do a Thursday 6:30 to 8:30. Thursday Feb 20 is a tentative date o If the 20th doesn't work, the 6th and 27th are alternatives • Tree of Angels is a no go
Item #5 Parking Lot attendant	• Trouble finding someone • Working Centre as a resource? • Can't tap into City hiring of crossing guards • Adult recreation centres to advertise • Develop a formal job posting so we can share on social media • Posters on community mailboxes • Duty officer for deterrent until we find someone – would be more expensive than

	$14/hr
Item #6 Greening	• Cleanup went well • Planted a bunch of tulip bulbs
Item #7 Fundraising	• Dance a thon to raise funds later in the year if we need to. Professor Jamz does do Dance a thons. Other schools are doing them. • Offered FundScript to raise funds for the Grade 6 trip o Could have them do a car wash in the spring • Indigo was successful – will have final numbers soon. Likely $4000 or so. Employees asked all customers if they were supporting Sandhills fundraising o Would like to put out a thank you on school day o Last year we were closer to Christmas o Feedback is positive from parents because they don't need to buy anything extra o Trick to getting a good date is to book in September o Choir is the draw o No gift cards or buying from the kiosk/online o Exchange only because it's for the fundraiser
Item #8 PIC & WRAPC Update	• No info • Received update emails
Item #9 Social Media	• Not discussed
Item #10 Any Other Topics	• 7:56
Next Meeting Scheduled for:	December 11, 2019

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	Action Item	Owner	Date Raised	Due Date	Comments	Status
1	Parent Engagement – Guided Walk	Sandra	Sept 18, 2019	Nov 14, 2019	Sandra to contact City of Kitchener to organize a fall walk	Closed
2	Home Alone and Babysitting course	Cheryl	Oct 9, 2019	Nov 14, 2019	Cheryl to look into whether St John's ambulance would come to the school	Open