

Suddaby School Council
Monday, March 20, 2017
Minutes
7:00 p.m. School Library

Katherine Akins	x	Aishah Binti Ali		Kathryn Blair	x
Sue Campbell	x	Madison Cox		Annie Doran	
Bryan Grimwood	A	Brennan Hardy	X	Randy Harms	
Aura Hertzog	A	Aasia Khatoon		Hari J.C.	A
Carlie Leroux	X	Aaron Lynett	X	Stephanie Meyer	X
Jessica McLean		Kristy McMahan		Sumona Mondal	
Chris Nielson	X	Euen O'Connor		Matthew Oliver	
Wendy Saulesleja	X			Susannah Schmidt	x
Daniel Sokolov		Nicole Morton-Westwood	A	Mary-Louise Skornyak	x
Jan Hansen	X	Wendy Daley	X		

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes of January meeting

There were no questions about the last minutes. Katherine Weir voted to accept the minutes and Mary-Louise Skornyak seconded this. Minutes were passed.

3. Financial Update: Fundraising events raised \$504.43 total, see breakdown below. Some juice is left over for another movie night. Two cases of popcorn remain and can be sold in future. All the sales have not yet happened. (Movie night made 304.95, popcorn made 497; expenses were pop 260.35 and juice 37.17).

4. Principal Report

School Improvement Planning: Classroom teachers are actively engaged in Professional Development related to Math fluency and EQAO focus. We have 2 teachers who will be involved in Kids2Learn, an after school tutoring program. Our focus is to support Math concepts and to strengthen reading comprehension skills. The programs will run for 45 hours in total – two Math programs at 20 hours each and the reading program at 5 hours.

EQAO planning has begun for our assessments in May. We are currently identifying students who will require support during the assessments. The grade 3 and 6 students will write in May however we are looking to build student capacity and comfort with the assessments by integrating problem solving tasks into their daily math lessons. We are also expanding the understanding of the EQAO assessment tasks into the grade 2 and 5 classes as a method of building student capacity for future assessments.

Congratulations go out to our part time secretary, Mrs. Baumgartner, as she begins a head secretary position effective March 20. We are currently in the process of hiring another secretary. We also welcome Mrs. Emily Goode as a DECE, extended day who will be covering for Mrs. A. Martin during her upcoming parental leave.

Mrs. Daley believes someone will be in place for the secretary position within the next three weeks, after interviews take place.

5. Staff Representative report: This coming Friday March 24th is going to be orange shirt day. This is inspired by orange shirt day initiatives in Canada marked in the fall to reflect on the legacy of Indian Residential Schools. The day is inspired by a student in a school institution who had her favourite orange shirt taken away. Suddaby did not mark this in the fall but has decided to introduce a local orange shirt day this coming Friday. There will be an assembly on Friday. Nicole Robinson (equity officer) from the board will be here Friday at 11:50 if parents wish to attend.

School celebrated 100 days of school on Feb. 10th. Grade 2s wrote about being 100 years old and one class used age-enhancing app to take every student's photo. Feb 14th was Valentine's Day and Twin day. Candygrams were sold, school raised \$300. Feb 17 was Winter Carnival. Grade 1s had visit from 2 OPP officers who showed kids various police equipment. Term 1 reports went home on 17th. On 28th Mme. Krista Black (grade 1) returned from maternity leave and is working 4 days per week. Mrs. Thiagarajah is teaching the other day. Loonies for Learning are supporting the nutrition bins. March 10 was beach day. The staff took on students in basketball game, marking end of intramural basketball. About 24 -30 junior students played basketball. Students beat teachers.

Some grade 5 -6 students are working to raise money to pay for plaque that will recognize Indigenous lands where Suddaby stands. Rocks and Rings is coming to Suddaby, it is a curling fundamentals program. All students will participate. Floor hockey intramurals will start in April. Earth Day also coming and Suddaby Green Team will support this (litterless lunches, schoolyard cleanup). Every 2nd nutrition break kids empty green bins from classrooms and Suddaby green bin matter is collected by the city.

6. Subcommittee reports

- a. Parent workshop committee (Katherine): Upcoming events: On Tues March 28, 6:30 – 8:30 there will be forum on internet safety held at the school. Register through EventBrite. May 4th, possibly at 6 pm (time to be confirmed) there will be other workshop on self-regulation, anxiety.
- b. Fundraising committee update (Wendy S., Sue C.) Wendy S. shared there was meeting for playground at Feb 13th with Rob Sealy, coordinator with WRDSB. Putting in playground at front will be challenging due to accessibility issues, trees, when one playground comes out there will be gap in time so there would be no playground for a time. Playground parts cannot be retrofitted due to 1995 construction.

However idea was presented to put playground in at back of the school with climbing, hanging structure for grade 4 -6s. No decisions made yet. Council needs to give feedback about this idea. Benefit is we could start small and build on it as per affordability, no obstruction of streets / trees. As front playground breaks down it can be dismantled. The board would pay to take out the baseball diamond backstop. Diamond is not used right now for baseball. There seems to be a lot of money available for natural playgrounds right now but not for standard playgrounds. Once Suddaby would install mulch the board would maintain it. Suggestion from board was not to fence is so it would not be used as a dog run (some dog owners locally use natural playground now as dog run).

Cost would be at least \$80,000 to proceed with idea as sketched above.

Mrs. Daley suggests, to explore, having rep from company come in to sketch picture of what project would entail. Process in end would be to get three quotes anyways, but this would

be beginning point. Mrs. Daley also suggests small tour to show parents what parts have been welded now, parts of the equipment that may be becoming dangerous.

Prospective board-approved companies to build playground: www.Hendersonplay.ca; www.Belairplayground.com, www.playpower.com.

For next council meeting on 24th Mrs. Daley will invite playground rep to come talk to group.

- c. Popcorn sales continue last Friday of every month, March 31st is next date, then April 28. May date will be 19 instead of 26th. May 19 is Jump Rope day. April 21st is Hop-A-Thon like Dance a Thon. Hoping to raise about \$2000.

June 23rd is end of school BBQ, held during school hours, so popcorn will be sold there. Suddaby's Got Talent will be same day. Many volunteers are needed. More details to follow, mark the date.

7. Focus items:

- a. Using fence for art: Mrs. Daley notes she did not specifically ask about this but she has seen it at KCI so this suggests it may be allowed. She will ask Board. Point was raised to consider that maintaining art walls requires energy. Issue will come back at May meeting.
- b. Crossing guard for Lancaster & Weber: Mrs. Daley notes Sarah Marsh has asked parents to send emails to Sarah Marsh and city will "continue to look at it." It is not designated high-risk intersection right now. Wendy will follow up with Dean McMillan with the city.
- c. WRAPSC report: At last meeting Rotary grant was discussed; Kathryn wanted to share info on structural info between WRAPSC as non-political parent-run organization. PIC is government-run mandated organization of the board. Several members of WRAPSC must be on PIC steering committee therefore it results in a large number of meetings for a handful of people, therefore there is push to make WRAPSC subcommittee of PIC. BUT there is some opposition as this would mean there is no longer an independent parent body. Kathryn would like to forward terms to rest of council (Suddaby) for reflection, decision will be made in Fall. (There are 130 plus schools that could be sending people however only about 20 schools send people to WRAPSC).
- d. Strong Start program (Katherine): 3 children participated in early literacy intervention program. Together they gained 69 sounds letters or word sounds. Program went from having 2 volunteers to having 6 volunteers. There are now 14 sessions happening through the week. We will continue to need more volunteers for the fall.
- e. Other council activities/events: By-law enforcement officer advised Mrs. Daley to tell people to call city and report if dogs are seen in field off-leash in the yard. Some dog walkers have deposited dog droppings in bags in the protective tree liners.

8. Other business: None

9. Next meeting...Monday, April 24, 2017, back in school library.