Suddaby School Council
Monday, October 15, 2018
Minutes
7:00 p.m. School Library

Katherine Akins	x	Kathryn Blair	x	Katha Broschek	x
Sue Campbell		Amanda DiBattista		Annie Doran	x
Bryan Grimwood		Brennan Hardy	x	Karin Korth	x
Carlie Leroux	x	Kate Leslie	x	Stephanie Meyer	x
Wendy Saulesleja	x	Leanne Presenger	x	Vanessa Schultz	x
Karen Barsness	x	Melissa Cressman	x		
Meghan Reis	x	Wendy Daley	x	Karen Barsness	x

Welcome and Introductions (new members introduced themselves)

1. Minutes of previous meeting (motion to approve, Stephanie Meyer; second, Annie Doran)

2. Financial Update (Stephanie: last month popcorn sales $389, Mabel's Labels: 35.35; projected mid-October/mid-November balance $9254.64)

3. Principal Report (Wendy D.)

Staffing Updates: Please welcome Kyla Brady to Suddaby. She will be teaching our Core French program beginning October 22. Also Social Studies to Grade 1&2 immersion. Mme Evans has accepted another position at Vista Hills P.S.
School Improvement Planning: We have done some adjustments to our school focus for this year. We will continue to focus on Math but with a small group focus to address specific skill development. We will continue to address classroom environment with a focus on differentiation as we strive to meet individual needs.
Professional development: Staff have been busy attending sessions with a focus on Math – Problem Solving, Education for All, working with our school Learning Services Teacher at school, Coding, in-school technology support with our Digital Services Teacher and Special Education Support meetings. Building teacher capacity is an important aspect as we look for ways to meet our students' needs.
Technology Deployment: With the receipt of our new Chromebooks and iPads in June and August, we now have 1 piece of technology for every 2 students from grade 1 -6. (This meets the Board's goal.) We have 6 more Chromebooks and 15 iPads on back order we are hoping to receive this fall to finalize our technology for the classroom. Teachers continue to work with our Digital Services Teacher to integrate the items into their daily teaching. NB: tech is simply a tool to access information, it is not the teaching tool.)

4. Staff Representative Report (Leanne)
* running club days 1 and 2
*soccer club for junior students, already gone to Sheppard. Going to Lackner Woods
*Art club in rm 18, grade 3 and 4 student run
* Terry Fox Run in September
*Turkey Trot happened (helped two families in need)
*Safety village trips have started

*Outdoor Ed trips have started
*Dental screening coming up for JK to gr 2
*Oct 22, individual photos
*Bus evacuation Oct. 23 drill
*Progress reports November 12 to go home
*Pajama day Nov 1
*Hallowe'en parade Oct 31
*Remembrance day assembly , Nov 09

5. Subcommittee Reports
- Fundraising
*subcommittee meeting (Wendy S.: popcorn last Thursday of month first nutrition break; 3 movie nights [Oct. 25, Jan 24 and May 30] selling pizza, popcorn, juice, and Rheo Thompson mint smoothies; parent teacher night will have a few tables to fundraiser for playground, will coincide with information about the playground (hopefully, playground committee to confirm); hop-a-thon April 26; mistletoe market December 4- 7, Ayr seed sale in spring, bulb sales through Vesey next fall; end of year bbq/fun fair if volunteers surface; yard sale to coincide with Hohner Ave porch party May 26)
* volunteers needed for movie nights and parent/teacher night. Volunteers for movie nights needed for 6pm, p/t night 3:30
- WRAPSC (Kate)
*will forward minutes
*survey link in minutes
*PRO (funds mothers group, generally ask for $1,000, run by ESL teacher, runs once a month on Tuesdays, council signs off on this) and PIC ($500) grants
*talked about tech for high school students
*urge everyone to vote for school board trustees (election Oct. 22) information on each candidate linked from WRAPSC minutes
*new council emails set up through board, Wendy D. to revisit; do we want this or are we happy with status quo? Brennan notes that it would be useful for fundraisers and volunteer coordination; perhaps Wendy D. to pass moderation on to Brennan/Carlie (chairs)
- Playground (meeting next week)
- Parent Workshop (Katherine Akins: attendance low; Stephanie Meyer suggests taking a break from this and focus on Playground or something else; if something looks really interesting, we could still do that, teachers' math night was really successful maybe we could support that)
6. Focus items
- Upcoming council events
- Strong Start (Katherine A: given list of 22 students in gr 1. Recruited 18 volunteers. Most volunteers Suddaby has ever had. Plan is to start November 5 but not a solid start date so if volunteer are not done training by Nov . 5, can start late and end late/ recruitment success? Word of mouth, information letter and form)
-'Physica Phantastica' Program (Carlie L. held at PI in spring. 48 minute session for gr 5 and 6 students. Woman who runs it is familiar with that curriculum. Q&A follows. Tour of facility. Can talk to PhDs. The question is bussing. Typically the planning process starts in January. Carlie will chat and confirm cost and bussing. Wendy D will look into bussing for a 2-hour excursion). Wendy D notes we have about 70 students who would be eligible.
-UW Warriors (Kathryn B.: has contacted coach and co-coach. Has not heard anything but notes that this is the middle of football season and will start with following up soon).

-Art installation (Annie D.: art on fence, had come up with idea of doing proof of concept around converting caution tape to stars !! (because "Suddaby Stars") needs to evaluate star material for durability; if placed on Lancaster street fence, the Frederick Neighbourhood Association may have a grant to cover this. Meghan notes caution tape usually goes up Nov. 1. Annie to install before Nov. 1. Attachment: screws, pokey part on parking lot side not playground side. Annie has already made the prototypes but perhaps kids can help

-Home Reading

*Stephanie M. wants to organize a clean up the home reading room group. Meghan R. is on board. Stephanie to pick a day to meet with Meghan to assess room and plan next steps.

*last year Suddaby spent $2500 on books (council donated $1,000 for English books and Suddaby funded $1,000 for English and $500 for French books)

*Suddaby can select own books for home reading; board chooses library books

* is there a way to set up donating to home reading at Christmas time instead of getting something teachers individual presents? Vanessa to survey teachers to see if they think this is fine)

*Vanessa and Leanne to survey teachers to see if there are any other school needs that council might support (especially junior grades) (idea: board games to sign out from library on rainy days)

7. Other (none brought forward)
8. Next meetings

All meetings will be on Monday night:
November 19
January 21
February 11
March 18
April 15
May 13
June 10/17 – to be determined

Move for meeting to adjourn: Katherine A.
Seconded: Annie D.