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## School Council Meeting minutes November 15, 2023, 6:30pm

Welcome to those attending -

| Name | Present | Name | Present |
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| Mary Sue Meredith | X | Tamara DeCraemer | X |
| Marisa Moser | X | Shannon Vanderlip |  |
| Tonya Veltman | X | Syed M. Umagr |  |
| Stephanie Evans | X | Zunaira Kafeel |  |
| Rick Foucault |  | Bradley O'Neil | X |
| Christine Glidden | X | Naeem Mohammed |  |
| Bobbie Joe Seitz | X | Brydon Rayner |  |
| Doerte Shulze | X | Matthew Theis | X |
| Sarah Steinert | X | Sheena Kinghorn | X |
| Jillian Penney |  | Mandy Ballentine |  |

## Welcome Message - Tonya/Steph

## Territorial Acknowledgment - Mary Sue

## Principal's Report - Mary Sue

- Mme VK is now back (5/6 FI)!
- We have received funding for parent involvement from the ministry of education
- This funding is specifically to do things for parent engagement (e.g. translating posters, parenting videos, science of reading, support student learning or achievement, guest presenters, parent info/workshop sessions, special community populations that face access barriers, etc.)
- Total is $\$ 500$.
- Last year we used this to pay for science fair boards, but it doesn't fit the description the ministry has put out this year; need to spend it on something else.
- School will be doing cards for meals on wheels (for the holiday season). These will be picked up on December $11^{\text {th }}$.
- These are holiday cards that are distributed when seniors receive their meal on wheels (no religious sayings - happy holidays, happy new year, merry Christmas, etc.)
- Nutrition for Learning - We have used way more this year. The cost is $\$ 20$ per basket per classroom. If we don't fundraise, we will need to cut the food being offered. We are putting out approximately $\$ 800$ of food a week.
- Eva (Library Clerk) would like to offer to do fleece tie blankets for the humane society with grade 4/5 students.
- She estimates she needs 14 yards to make 10 blankets
- It's \$9.99 per yard, for a total cost of \$139.86 plus tax (\$158.04).
- Christine motioned for $\$ 250$, Bobbie Joe seconded. All voted in favour, motion passed.
- Rock and Rings is happening Nov 22 or 29 . The Rock and Rings group is coming in to teach students about curling in the gym.
- The student vote for the movie night is Lego Movie 2.
- Spirit Wear sales close at midnight November $16^{\text {th }}$.


## Teacher's Report- Marisa Moser

- Teachers are finishing up progress reports; they will be sent home next week
- Remembrance day assembly: classes presented songs, slideshow, poem, bilingual Flanders Field; each class made a wreath.
- Food Drive (for the food bank) will run December 11-15
- Fall Play Day- lots of fun and great community building! Lots of smiling faces!
- Field Trip next week for grade 2, 3 and 3/4 FI classes (they are going to see a French rock concert)
- Carnivale is coming - Marissa requests Apple Cider and Hot Chocolate for this event along with volunteers
- Need to investigate better ways of heating up the water for the hot drinks this year.
- No date yet
- Need 1 more hot chocolate, more cups, and apple cider, and need to rent carafes (3 for hot chocolate, 1 for cider)
- Steph motioned for $\$ 250$ for the event, Bobbie Joe seconded. All voted in favour and the motion passed.


## Treasurer's Report - Rick

- Opening balance is $\$ 7994$ with $\$ 3800$ in commitments
- We have $\$ 608$ WEFI donations and $\$ 139$ in school day fees
- There is $\$ 8074$; with available funds of $\$ 4940$
- Actual balance to be confirmed due to school records


## WRAPSC - Naeem

- They continued to discuss safety in schools
- Superintendents were present for the discussion


## Movie Night - Sheena and Bobbie Joe

- Sheena is picking up popcorn, the Kernals fundraiser wasn't a good fit for this event, but we can look into a fundraiser for another time
- We currently only have five volunteers, we need additional people in the gym for support
- Need volunteers at 5:45 to start filling popcorn bags
- We will remind parents that they must accompany, that children need to sit or they need to go to another room (for colouring or the large connect four and checkers games)
- Tonya to bring scoops for the popcorn
- Los Rolling Tacos have agreed to come along with Ice Cream and Pizza Truck
- There was a suggestion for having a bakery vendor set up in a classroom or a Cotton Candy Machine
- Lady Glaze food truck also offers donuts and may be a good fit


## Four All Ice Cream - Tonya/Steph

- Ice creams and sorbets are all Peanut free, but not nut free
- Vegan options are also halal
- They can make sure non of the mix ins have nuts
- There is consensus to move forward with this fundraiser
- Four All with bring 4 flavours; all options nut free, one will be vegan
- We will start the process in February, with sales in May and pick up in June


## Community and Fundraising Events - Tonya/Steph

- Vendor Fair
- We could partner this with a speaker events for parent involvement (perhaps a nutritionist or mental health speaker)
- This will take place April $11^{\text {th }}$; fair opening at 6:00 with access for vendors to set up starting around 5 pm
- We will charge $\$ 40$ per 6' table per vendor plus a gift basket donation for the fun fair. Mary Sue to order 35 tables.
- It was suggested that the speaker session has a break to encourage people to shop the fair (e.g. 6-7, then 7:30-8:30). Could do mental health and THEN a nutritionist
- Whole event would run 6-8:30
- Flip Give
- An alternative fundraiser using gift cards
- Sheena to investigate and report in next meeting what's involved in setting this up and running it

Next Meeting Date - January $17^{\text {th }}, 2023$ from 6:30-8:00 pm
Future Meeting Dates -January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19

