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

Welcome to those attending -

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

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 11th.
 - 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

- o It's \$9.99 per yard, for a total cost of \$139.86 plus tax (\$158.04).
- o 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 16th.

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
 - o 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

Fun fair

- o 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 11th; 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 17th, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Future Meeting Dates – January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19