

## School Council Meeting minutes January 17, 2024, 6:30pm

### Welcome to those attending –

Name	Present	Name	Present
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	
Christine Glidden	X	Naeem Mohammed	X
Bobbie Joe Seitz		Brydon Rayner	
Doerte Shulze		Matthew Theis	
Sarah Steinert	X	Sheena Kinghorn	
Jillian Penney		Mandy Ballentine	

### Welcome Message – Tonya/Steph

### Territorial Acknowledgment - Mary Sue

### Principal's Report – Mary Sue

- There is a new K1 teacher covering a leave
- There are 5 student teachers from Laurier and 3 ECE students from Conestoga College coming into the school to assist the teachers
- In February, Macourt Puppeteers are doing fairy tales with primary and kindergarten students
- In February, the junior classes (mainly core, but one one FI) going to see Shaun Boothe – a hip hop artist who has a performance related to black history. The performance takes place at Centre in the Square.
- We have a parent in our community, Allison Yeung, family physician, who has reached out offered to talk to school council about child/teen mental health. Topics would include inattention, suicidal thoughts, etc. She would like to talk about the harms of mobile devices and social media. Allison Yeung (thesmartphoneeffect). After some discussion it was decided that we will have her come speak with the Council in Feb.
- The PRO grant came out. Items that qualify for the grant this year include anti-racism, parents as partners, enhancing communication with teachers, informing parents about curriculum and supporting resources. The submittal is due by Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
- Another possible speaker is Andy Tibbidoe
- Language Curriculum updates can be viewed here:
  - [Dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/language-guide/summary/](https://dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/language-guide/summary/)
- Report cards will be delayed and will be going out Feb 16<sup>th</sup> (vs Feb 9<sup>th</sup>)

- In February we will run a fundraiser for nutrition for learning and will be selling friendship bracelets at a cost of \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

#### **Teacher's Report- Marisa Moser**

- Teachers are writing report cards
- The grade 5s had presentation with Electric Larry
- Rocks and Rings curling came; students learned how to curl
- Carnivale is happening on Feb 16 from 11:40-1:40
  - We need volunteers (3 at least; Sarah requested an email)
  - We also need 1 more hot chocolate, more cups, and apple cider.
  - We need to rent carafes (3 for hot chocolate, 1 for cider)

#### **Treasurer's Report – Rick**

- Opening balance was \$874
- We have \$3008 in commitments and \$923 in expenses
- There was \$2883 in revenue (from WEFI donations, domino's pizza nights, family fun nights)
- Right now the balance is \$10,900 with an available balance of \$6,900
- Mary Sue will try to get us a list of items for the gym refresh so we can determine how much of the available funds we will contribute to that project

#### **WRAPSC – Naeem**

- The meeting covered PRO grants and PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)
- The advice was that you would be most successful at obtaining grant money if you are trying to reach parents who don't typically come out to your events
- Some event ideas are:
  - Stem (launch waterloo, Toby Dey Hamilton)
  - Literacy

#### **Movie Night – Sheena and Bobbie Joe**

- Movie night went well this year, no noise issues this year
- We ran out of popcorn again this year, but many kids had several refills
- We received a fair bit of cash donations from the night via the donation box

#### **Fun fair**

- No update this week as Bobbie Joe was absent.

#### **Four All Ice Cream - Tonya/Steph**

- Start off with student brainstorming session (they will send a PDF)
- Starting week of March 25<sup>th</sup>, tentatively
- Each class will decide on one flavour idea to present, then we will narrow down to the top four within school
- Timeline is approximately:
  - Brainstorming: 1 - 2 weeks
  - Prototyping: 3 weeks

- Final Vote: 1 week
- We would be selling around the end of May or early June, and delivery would be in mid-June

### **Community and Fundraising Events - Tonya/Steph**

- Chick Hatch
  - Still need someone to take the chicks
  - Silkies are an option this year, but the eggs are more expensive (\$150)
  - Steph to ask Steckle if they will take them
  - If you know anyone who would be looking for chicks, please reach out to Stephanie Evans (we set 6 eggs)
- Vendor Fair
  - We are not going to do this as we don't have time/volunteers this year
- Used Book Sale
  - The date has changes (was March 5/6)
  - This will now take place April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Movie Night
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> will be our next movie night
  - We need popcorn and are looking at a different vendor from Kernels (Thunderstorm productions)
  - 6:45 start, doors open at 6:15, setup 5:45
  - We need volunteers to help with the event (supervising, setting up, tearing down, and distributing popcorn)
  - Thunderstorm productions also has cotton candy, which is possible to add to the fun fair

**Next Meeting Date** – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm

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