

## **WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting**

Thursday May 17, 2018

**Welcome!**

### **Lori Briscoe- Admin Report**

#### **Around the School**

- Freezie Friday, Rubgy for Juniors and Primary starting soon, Calendar on the website now has a lot of information on it, Track and Field was a huge success. Had students from Westheights come over to help. Playground maintenance: Parks (company) does inspection. Upkeep is schoolboards responsibility. Put in work order and grounds crew will come in a repair. Work order has been put in to address spikes around trim. Feedback was 2-3 months so Wayne and John took care of all but the bent ones. Work order left in for the bent ones. Work order in for fixes on creative playspace as well.
- Parking update: meeting with facility people at board, transportation, cross guard leadership. Only recommendation was educate kids and parents. Have been collecting data on how kids get to school - about half of kids walk to school, half drive. Survey in the fall to the community to find out why people are driving kids to school to try to figure out strategies. Also create communication about where parking is available, walking routes. Work order in for stop sign in parking lot to have it turned around. Will try to share with John Sweeney. City to assist with ensuring pathways are clear and safe. Increase communication to kindergarten parents to start on the right foot. Walking schoolbus - need volunteers to assist with this. We could look for volunteers outside of parents. Lauren Agar to look into how to organize that.
- Safe welcome/security in the school: Elementary schools being locked is following policies of board, ministry requirements. Review staff of policy: adults need visitor tag, remind those without of the rules, educating parents to know the rules as well. Not foolproof system. Have not had issues with intruders to date.
- Lots of end of school year activities - look at the calendar on the website for details. Music assembly, Talent Show, Grade 6 farewell and School farewell assemblies.

#### **Around the Board**

- PIC is looking for parents to volunteers (Parent Involvement Committee)
- Students on the School Board Trustee
- Co-chair for PIC did a screen-free challenge: conclusion was great for kids

#### **Around the Province**

- New childcare spaces

### **Fundraising**

Discussion on Fundraising opportunities for 2018-2019 School Year

- Don't want to do anything where we are selling and collecting money. Looking at options where pre-selling and only ordered product is delivered. Collected ideas and have a summary of options that were available to review.

- Pizza Kits - some challenge because product has to be delivered frozen
- Rain Barrels - not sure how much is reasonable to expect for sales
- Kernels Popcorn - have to pick up and order qty of 25. More smaller price point and lots of effort
- Dirt Cheap - No effort except sending out the flyer. For every yard sold 10 is donated to school. Dirt is delivered to customers, not school. Customer just has to identify that they are part of the fundraising program
- Fresh to Farm - produce, needs to be picked up day of, promotes healthy eating, needs some volunteer power to collect and submit orders as well as on delivery day

#### Decide on Fundraising events

- DFS greeting card/gift wrap in the fall at the same time as the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser to give people options. Orders in October, delivery in November. Looking for feedback on brochures that are easiest to sell.
- Offer the Dirt Cheap in the spring (Advertise in March/April)
- Bingemans - one in the fall, one in the spring on the Thursday before PD days. Pick dates before next council meeting.
- Move-a-thon - did before March break before March break. Do again the Wednesday before March break. Lorie to look out options for Move-a-thon.
- Titans basketball game - look for a weekend option, try to advertise early
- FunFest - end of February, same as previous years

#### **PRO - Wellness Workshop**

- Review of the Night!
- Held last week and it went really well. A lot of great information. Turnout was about 45 including adults and kids. Was promoted through many avenues- not sure how to get more turnout for these sort of events.
- Booths were great and well staffed, speaker was great.
- Umbrella Project was focus of speaker and great ideas for parenting strategies.

#### **PRO - 2018/2019 Application**

- Confirmation of Next Year's Event
- Looking at Math night - need 10-15 volunteers. Just need volunteers to assist with running stations, but all the design of stations comes from the supporting company.
- Aim to do this in 2-3rd week in October. Might not have word of approval until October (has been late Sept/early October before we find out approval)

#### **School Gardens**

- Garden Tools were purchased
- Two classes are actively using the gardens. A few plants have started sprouting.
- Need to determine how to maintain through the summer. There is a water tank that the kids can use to water the garden. Tank needs to be topped up regularly through the summer - Pam to send requirements to Lorie as to what frequency, needs and Lorie will see about what can be done to sustain through the summer. Grade 3 kids are signing up to support through the summer.

**Questions:**

- Any questions or concerns

**Next meeting**

Thursday June 21, 2018