

School Council Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2018

Present: Liza Niebres, Desiree Saruwatan, Wendy Tuchscherer, Yumi Johnson, Martha Aleel, Sharon Rempel, Alyssa Burgayne, Hope Rudies, Lara Thielen, Mark Blankystyn, Christine Bishoff, Jackie Fletcher, Jen Rohaley, Christine Lee, Heather Farough, Holly Debnun, Amanda Toth, Joelynn Zeinstra, Marylou Williams, Tina Skidmore, Phi Jang, Pauline Hall.

1. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Alyssa called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
 - b. Additions to the agenda – Mark added “One District, One Book” to the administration report.
2. Treasurers Report – Shane Mann
 - a. Paid the \$9000 for field trips to the school which has not been deposited yet.
 - b. Current balance - 16180.16.
 - c. The only transaction during the summer was babysitting fees for 140. Hot lunch and juice boxes scheduled to come out soon.
3. District School Council Representative – Pauline Hall
 - a. Pauline explained District School Council.
 - b. No report as there has not yet been a meeting. Next meeting scheduled for October.
4. Making Connections – Christine Bishoff
 - a. Christine introduced herself and her role in the school.
 - b. Home Alone (Grade 5) and Snack Club (Grade 4/5) starting soon.
 - c. Christine explained “Ready, Set, Go”, a backpack program for low income families, which occurred before the school year began.
 - d. Clothing exchange will happen on October 22 at Galbraith School. You can drop any donations here or at Galbraith the Friday before. This event will occur again in the spring.
 - e. Christine will be working classrooms with students around the concepts of emotional regulation, anxiety and worries.
5. Administrator’s Report – Mark Blankenstyn & Jackie Fletcher
 - a. Mark, Jackie & Lara introduced themselves.
 - b. School Start Up – was fantastic! Teachers were back the week before prepping for the first day.
 - c. Money for field trips – Last year \$9000 was donated by Parent Council towards field trips for this year. Thank You!
 - d. PL Literacy - Five teachers participated in a writing workshop PL experience before the school year started.
 - e. PL Math – Lead Numeracy teacher has been hired in the district to work with Grade 4/5/8/9 students to enhance numeracy skills. This is a pilot and ongoing funding will be explored year by year.
 - f. Drills – Fire - Six total per year. One has already occurred (announced) and five more will occur (unannounced). During one occurrence the fire department will be onsite.
Lockdown - Two total per year. One has occurred (unannounced), the second will be later in the year (unannounced). Evacuation – this drill is to practice if we need to

evacuate the school. This is not a district requirement but our school would like to try it to understand what the process will be like.

- g. Finding needles on school property – a needle was found on school property during lunch time. Every morning the caretaker does a walk around to complete a needle check and on recess the three supervisors on site watch for needles.
 - h. One District, One Book – if you are aware of any corporate or individual sponsors who would like to support this initiative, they are looking to raise another \$40000 to make this happen (information attached).
6. Teacher Report
- a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Terry Fox Walk & Pancake Breakfast - 500 people attended pancake breakfast
 - ii. School Photo Day – Monday Sept 24th – Individual and Class photos
 - iii. Orange Shirt Day – FNMI – Friday September 28
 - iv. After School Skating – Wednesday (October 3-31)
 - v. Feed the Bug – October 1 – 5
 - vi. Mission Impossible – Gymnastics – October 1 – November 2
 - vii. Professional Learning Days
 - 1. October 9 – Literacy Day for Teachers (extra long weekend due to no school October 8 for Thanksgiving)
 - viii. Teacher Helper Board will be up soon
7. Parent Council
- a. PAC Subscription Form – the information we collected at this meeting (emails) will be used to share information and ask for volunteer help.
 - b. Receiving emails – looking at setting up a parent council gmail address to help with email delivery and succession planning. Alyssa will set this up.
 - c. We will have two bulletin boards this year – one for requests for help from teachers and a while board where parent council can post messages to the school.
 - d. Hot Lunch – Tina and Mary Lou will be helping with hot lunch delivery this year. Alyssa reviewed hot lunch process and cost. If there are concerns with the cost, Mark can be approached for solutions. Alyssa will talk to Julie about donation of hot lunches.
 - e. Dance A Thon – Valentines Day – Sounds Unlimited is still a good option for the event.
 - f. Halloween Carnival (Thursday October 25 @ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m)
 - i. Dance – looking at playlist or middle school bands – Mark to investigate
 - ii. Donation request letters went out in August. We are currently following up with phone calls. Is there anyone who can help with this? Alyssa is tracking this on a master sheet.
 - 1. Joelynn
 - 2. Sharon + McDonalds
 - 3. Joelynn
 - 4. Joelynn
 - iii. Congestion reduction – we are looking at a new configuration
 - iv. Activities – Jackie will check in with a leadership group at Wilson
 - v. Concession – sell water for \$1.00

- vi. Frito Lay has donated 350 bags of chips for both the carnival and the dance-a-thon. To make sure each child receives one bag of chips we will give them a stamp on the hand when they receive their chips. They will receive the bag of chips as they leave.
- vii. Passport – is just for fun but doesn't relate to a prize or treat. Jackie will create the passport sheet. We will need to have 8 activities (7 games and dancing at the dance). Alyssa & Holly will go through supplies to determine game.
- viii. Posters & Advertising – Grade 4/5's to create as in the past.
- ix. Discussion related to whether or not the Halloween Carnival should continue to be a fundraiser now that the playground is built....
- x. Cost to enter – donations welcome and everyone gets 5 tickets to enter into prize draws.
- xi. Jenn made a motion for Parent Council to spend up to \$350 on candy for the Halloween Carnival. Heather seconded. Carried.
- xii. Committee - Amanda Toth, Joelynn Zeinstra, Mary Lou Williams, Jenn Rohaly – first meeting TBD
- xiii. Martha to donate \$50 towards candy.

8. New Business

- a. First Day Procedures – How did it go?
 - i. Parents – can we consider meeting inside at classrooms? Discussion around finding out teachers in advance of the first day of school – this is currently an entire district approach. Table further discussion to next month.
 - ii. Kernels Fundraiser – table to next meeting
 - iii. Scooter Racks – with more kids riding scooters to school, racks have become a need. A set of 2 costs \$1080. Alyssa to follow up on how many scooters the racks hold and if the cost includes installation.
 - iv. Recess Bags – the school desperately needs some recess equipment. Cost is approximately \$300/ classroom. Bags are premade and color coded for easy tidy up – tabled to next meeting.
 - v. Parking concerns – tabled to next meeting

9. Next Meeting – October 16, 2018

10. Alyssa adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.