

School Council Meeting – September 28, 2015 @ 6:30

Present: Carla Wilson, Kerri Crowdis Angus, Bill Long, Carrileyn Smith, Andrea Leitch, Rachel Bryans, Angie Baresich

Approval of the minutes – by Andrea Leitch and seconded by Angie Baresich

Nominations for chair- Andrea Leitch nominates Angie Baresich for school council chair and Bill Long seconds. No other nominations.

Angie Baresich shares that she has been invited to sit on the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) for Ikdsb this year.

Principal's Report

School Organization

- 13 classrooms (FDK – English and FI, Gr. 1/2 – English and FI, Gr. 2/3 – English and FI, Gr. 3/4 – English and FI, Gr. 5/6 – English and FI, Gr. 6/7 – English, Gr. 7/8 – English and FI)

Gr.7 Lunch and Learn Program to train new monitors

- Our intermediate students volunteer to be lunch monitors in K-6 classrooms. They earn points towards their school letter. Each year Sandi Stead provides training to our Gr. 7s on basic first aid, choking, Epipens... This happened on the second day of school

Student Leadership

- We are trying to build the student leadership in our building and give our students more ownership and involvement in the school. Students are helping out each morning with announcements. Mr. Hewett has put together a tech team, who will set up the technology for our Celebration Assemblies and other events and create the slideshow for our Celebration Assemblies. We are also hoping to get students involved in helping out with our snack program.

Learning Commons

- We dismantled what was our library and weeded our book collection. We now have a Learning Commons. The Learning Commons has a very fluid schedule to support student learning needs and inquiries. Aleesha Gray is our Learning Commons teacher. She has a portion of time each week to support classroom teachers and students with their learning.

Technology

- All of our Grade 7s have an iPad through TELP (Technology Enriched Learning Plan). Each of our other classrooms have at least 5 iPads. We also have ___ chrome books.

EQAO

- There are no EQAO scores to share this year. As a teaching staff we will be using classroom assessments and observations to determine our urgent student need and continue our work from last year.

Mad Science After School Program

- Mad Science will again be running an after school science program. They will be coming to do a short assembly on October 6th. The after school program will begin in November.

In addition to the Principal's report, Mrs. Wilson goes through important points from GOAL (Gathering of Administrative Leaders).

Engagement model- focus of instruction is on the 6 C's and engagement in the school, learning and the community.

TELP- the grade 7's have their iPads and once they have completed their iTunes U courses they will be able to bring them home at night. Teachers are welcome to still apply for ELK grants. Brooke received one 2 years ago.

School Funding- the ministry will be funding school differently and therefore we have created a superintendent position to review our schools (number of students, capacity of school, area, and condition of school). There will be recommendations made to the board so that LKDSB can operate more efficiently and with less funding.

Fundraising

Craft sale- Angie will head up the craft sale again this year. November 21st is proposed, which allows everyone to set up on the PD day on the 20th. The date is approved with everyone in favour.

Lisa Power has found a new greenery supplier and she will get pictures of the arrangements to accompany the order forms.

Kim Lee- will do the silent auction again but is willing to pass it on if anyone else would like to take it on.

Dawn Hyatt and Shawna Chapman will organize the bake sale.

Carrielyn Smith- will be doing another 100% proceeds to Brooke craft.

Tanya Lassaline- will look after the passports.

Angie Baresich – tables and advertising.

Carla Wilson- to contact Aberarder to see if we can borrow tables again this year.

We need to find someone to organize and run the kitchen.

Apple fundraiser- we made about \$250 on this fundraiser. We can add pumpkin vouchers for \$5 and people will pick up pumpkin at Zekveld's. A date is chosen for Apple pick up- October 19th. An order form needs to be sent out soon.

Pizza- Angie will organize pizza orders. Carrielyn to forward her the contact information. Carla Wilson to pick 3 dates for the forms to be printed and sent home.

Snack Program- Currently the program is very time consuming. An idea is presented to reduce the amount of prep by choosing fruit and vegetables that do not require cutting. Also, to have intermediates bag dried goods and reduce the variety.

There was a discussion about reducing the program from two bowls down to one bowl a day with more items in this bowl. This would reduce the work and the cost, as we are receiving less funding this year than in other years. The final decision is left to the principal and school coordinator.

Angie Baresich to look into Costco and getting a school account set up.

No new business.

Next meeting date: Dec 2, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.