

School Council Meeting Dec. 2, 2015

Present: Carla Wilson, Bill Long, Andrea Leitch, Paula Mitchell, Shawna Chapman, Angie Baresich, Rebecca White

Approval of the Minutes: by Angie Baresich and seconded by Shawna Chapman

Principal's Report:

Pupil Accommodation Report

- Mrs. Wilson briefly touched on the 167 page report
- The Pupil Accommodation Report is posted on the LKDSB website (www.lkdsb.net). Mrs. Wilson encourages all to read the report, as it contains a significant amount of data and information to support the recommendations that are being made. The report suggests an 8 phase restructuring and rebuilding of LKDSB, which includes the closing of schools, relocation of students and staff and the building of new schools. These changes are necessary due to the drastic decline in enrollment, ministry changes in the funding model and the age of many of our LKDSB schools. The ministry is also giving a School Consolidation Capital incentive and a financial incentive for K to Grade 12 school reconfigurations.

Progress Reports – Due to labour action our Progress Reports that were originally to go home on November 13th will now be going home with students in Grades 1 to 8 on December 11th. Progress Reports will not be going home with Kindergarten, as Kindergarten does not have a ministry generated report card.

Collective Agreements – we now have ratified collective agreements with our elementary teachers, both centrally and locally and are back to business as usual. There are many plans in the works for professional development and continuing our work with math. The agreement covers the period September 2014 to August 31, 2017.

Additional Programs:

Mad Science – This after school program has been very well received. We had 58 students participate in the program. They had to rent 3 rooms in order to accommodate all the kids. The kids have been very engaged and excited in the program.

Great Lakes Program – Gr. 1/2, Gr. 2/3, Gr. 5/6 English, Gr. 7/8 English

Engineer for a Day – Gr. 7's in English (bridge building)

Thames Valley Conservation Authority – Gr. 7/8 FI – talking about water conservation...

Adopt-a-Scientist – Gr. 3/4 English

LCCVI Music Department – performed a concert for our staff and student body. Our Grade 6, 7 and 8 are going to Victoria Playhouse on December 16th for a Christmas Music Concert put on by LCCVI.

Junior Choices – This is a program run by Rebound to develop. Weekly topics include: communication, decision making, goal setting, refusal skills, problem-solving, relationships...).

Fun Friends – St. Clair Child and Youth – running with one of our classes

CYW – Kelso's Choices with small groups of children. Anti-bullying program with two of our primary classes

Goodwill Projects:

Operation Christmas Child – filled 105 boxes, over \$500.00 in postage and the purchase of 1 goat and 2 chickens.

Other Items:

\$200.00 donation to our Snack Program from the Alvinston Optimist Club and a \$500.00 donation from the Janicek family.

In addition to the Principal's Report:

- It was suggested that we include all of the fun programs, teams, clubs, etc, in our January (and ongoing) newsletters. Would be great for the parents/caregivers to have more insight into what we are doing and have done.

- **Take the Pledge**- we need more votes and this has to be completed by December 12th.

Craft Sale (Angie)

- We made around \$5100, up from last year

- Kitchen up from last year

- next year we will have vendors book by Oct 1st with payment

- Spirit Wear- new supplier, people seemed to like the new look
- Were Santa and kids crafts a good idea? Maybe try it again next year.
- Where do we want the money to go?
 - *new uniforms?* Can we get these from Sewlutions in Wyoming at a better rate? Do we need to get all new uniforms now or can we do it in phases? Angie is going to inquire on costs and Carla is going to ask the staff/coaches which team we would need to replace first
 - *chrome books/ipads?* How many of each?

Mom to Mom Sale (Angie)

- tentative date is April 9th from 10-2
- we will try a kitchen and also ask Tim Hortons to donate coffee
- \$15/table, \$2 entrance fee

Other fundraising ideas:

Movie Night: have two areas (one for primary and one for intermediates-gym and learning commons) tentative date is January 29th

Subs: Angie is going to look into how Zone School orders their subs from a store in Bothwell

New dates were picked for pizza and sub days

Sub day: Feb 12th, Pizza days: Jan 22nd, Feb 26th, March 24th

Date for next meeting is Feb 22nd @ 6:00PM

Progress Reports

- Grades 1-8 coming out December 11, 2015
- Kindergarten students will not have a progress report as there is not a ministry generated
- Collective Agreement period is from Sept 2014- Aug 31, 2017
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