

School Council Meeting – May 9th, 2016

Present: Angie Baresich, Aleesha Gray, Shawna Chapman, Bill Long, Rachel Bryans, Lindsay Denning, Carla Wilson

Approval of minutes: Angie Baresich, Bill Long (second)

Principal's Report

1. 2016-2017 Class Organization

English

JK/SK - 12/8 = 20

Gr. 1/2 - 15/4 = 19

Gr. 2/3 - 8/9 = 17

Gr. 4/5 - 18/5 = 23

Gr. 5/6 - 8/15 = 23

Gr. 7/8 - 10/9 = 19

Gr. 7/8 - 10/10 = 20

French

JK/SK - 11/12 = 23

Gr. 1 - = 15

Gr. 2/3 - 12/7 = 19

Gr. 3/4 - 5/12 = 17

Gr. 5/6 - 16/9 = 25

Gr. 7/8 - 9/15 = 24

Staff changes – Madame Mather accepted a position at Hillcrest in Petrolia. Her position is presently being filled by Madame Myers and Madame Montpellier until the end of June. It will be filled by a permanent teacher for September. We do not know who that is yet. Mrs. Rumleski is retiring at the end of June. Mrs. Bebingh will be moving into her Gr. 1-2 position. We will be hiring for an English Gr. 7-8. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Brouwer (E.A) have been laid off by the board, but we are hopeful of their eventual return to Brooke Central. Ms. Clark's position with us ends on May 13th. Mrs. Hyatt is returning from her parental leave.

2. Closure of classrooms – the board is closing three of our classrooms. This is the second phase of classroom closures across the board as a cost savings measure. Core French will be on a cart and delivered in home rooms. Other adjustments will have to be made to accommodate prep teachers and loss of storage.
3. Holding track and field at Brooke Central this year on May 19th, rain date May 20th.

4. As well as the Vex Robotics, we now have two Dash and Dots (demonstration by Madame Gray)
5. EQAO – May 25th -June 8th
6. Lots of great things happening:
 - Skipping Team – travelling to different schools in Lambton to promote Jump Rope for Heart and the Heart and Stroke Foundation
 - Choir – performed at the Music Festival and will be singing at Canada`s Wonderland
 - French Author visiting FI classes on May 16th
 - Health Nurses from Lambton College also in our building on May 16th – presenting on various health topics
 - Adopt-a-scientists in many of our classes
 - Lots of class trips happening (Fort Rose Sugar Bush, Henderson Conservation Area, Dow Wetlands, Uncle Tom`s Cabin, East Park, Gr. 8s to Toronto)
7. We have a significant amount of money in our School Generated Funds:

Fundraising – School Council –	\$10,947.57
Ice Cream Fund -	2,215.06
IPad -	2,212.83
Learning Commons -	657.04
Pizza Day -	1736.57
School Fundraising – (has been sitting there for a long time)	6,081.43
Total	= 22,113.93

Have some negative balances we need to clear (about 2500.00)

Other Business

Discussion regarding how to spend some of the school generated funds. School Council decides to put \$5000.00 towards an outdoor classroom, planned and organized by Mr. Triest's Gr. 5/6 FI class, who has been working on planning a reorganization of the Brooke Central yard.

School Council also decides to put money into buying a t.v. for behind the glass in the front foyer. This t.v. will post upcoming events and display pictures of students, celebrations... We

will also take out the glass and add cupboards on the other side, updating the wood frame on both sides and giving the front foyer a face lift.

Mom to Mom sale made \$1900.00. Next year we will change the name (e.g., Spring Bazaar), as we think Mom to Mom sale left out a number of people who may have otherwise attended. We will also change the time of the sale to 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as most people came through by noon.

Date is set for next year's Christmas Craft Sale – Saturday, November 26th

Next School Council Meeting – September 26th, @ 6:00 p.m.