

School Council Meeting –Jan 15/19 6:30pm

Minutes

In attendance:

Luanne Deery	Meegan de Bock	Attia T. Hira
Sara Levitt	Mandy Murphy	Michelle Kember
Erin Forbes	Lindsay Fortney	Joy McLean
Lena MacMillan	Cathy Wilde	Andrew Newcombe

Regrets:

Cassie Page-Secretary

Agenda:

Introductions

Lena MacMillan will do minutes as the secretary was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from Nov 6/18 Reviewed and an amendment/clarification made to Snack Program fundraising. Only the flower fundraiser in May will be used to fundraise for the snack program at this time. Motion Passed.
2. Treasurer's Report (Kelly Hill)--\$2423.87 balance forward from 2017/2018 school year, after adjustments to allotted funds not spent. HST rebate from 2017/18 added to School Council account. Fundraising amounts reviewed.
3. Administrative Report (Joy McLean, Andrew Newcombe)—
 - Staff changes—The secretary, Mrs. Walker has moved to a different school. A new secretary will be hired soon, interviews were scheduled for the week of the meeting. [Kristy Layne has been hired as the new secretary for Errol Road School] Mme. Mercer (7/8 FI) is moving out of province and Ms. Stewart has accepted the position and will begin Feb 2019. Mme. Neuber has accepted a permanent position at a different school and another teacher will be taking over the Grade 1/2 FI class until Mme Soetemans' return from Maternity leave in March 2019.
 - Report cards will be sent home Feb 15/19
 - Kinderstart is schedule for Feb 28/19 from 9am to 5pm. Parents with children starting kindergarten in Sept 2019 are encouraged to register their kids at the school on this date. This helps administration plan class organization for the following school year. Parent council will set up a table at this event to answer any questions new parents may have about the school or school council. Luanne will bring a sign-up sheet to the Feb/19 School Council Meeting.
 - Donation Tax receipts for 2018 have been sent by mail.

- We are still waiting for cabinets/shelves to be installed in the learning commons. Last school year, school council allotted \$3000 for these improvements and we are still waiting on LKDSB carpenters to get to the job. Ms. McLean is thinking by March break the work will have commenced.
 - Safe Routes to School is planning a Walk to School day on Jan 30. More details to follow.
 - Parking changes—The circle drive in front of the school will be used for buses. Parking/stopping is no longer permitted directly in front of the school, signs have been posted. There is now additional parking available in the parking lot off Errol Rd.
 - Errol Road has started doing video announcements. This has been very well received by staff and students.
4. Friendly reminder—Parents with children not yet enrolled in school are reminded to ensure their children are being supervised while on school property as they are not insured by the Board. Parents are still encouraged to bring their children while helping with hot lunch, snack program, fun days etc.
 5. A “Wish List” was sent to teachers to see where they would like School Council funds to be spent. A large list was accumulated. School council will review and prioritize for the next meeting.
 6. Ice Cream Sundae Day—Set for Thursday Mar 7/19. Michelle Kember and Lena MacMillan to organize and provide a sign-up sheet for next meeting on Feb 5.
 7. Movie Night Update—Possible date set for Jan 30. More information to follow. Date may have to be moved, if details can’t be confirmed in time.
 8. Additional Events—
 - Possible “Math night” or “STEM night” Luanne will look into a grant for this event. Or possible a Bricks for Kids evening event at the school. More details to follow, once the grant has been looked in to.
 - Spring Fling in April or May. Students would have some time to go to the gym and dance. Parent council and/or Gr 7/8s would sell refreshments. Discussed a canned food donation as entrance cost. More details to follow.
 - Fun Run/Olympic Day in May or June. Discussed proceeds to Noelle’s Gift or other local charity. More details to follow.
 - Secret Santa discussed for next December. Students would choose from parent/community donations and regift to their families for a small donation going to a charity. Review and start planning in June.
 9. Treat Days—There are 6 treat days left for this school year. Tentative dates as follows:
 - Feb 14-Hot lunch

- Mar 7-Sundae Day and Intermediate dance
- TBA-Spring fling dance
- TBA-Hot lunch date with a treat or hotdogs that wouldn't comply with the guidelines
- TBA-Olympic Day
- TBA-Grad dinner

10. Hot Lunch Update—Next date Jan 25 “Superhero Day.” Following date, Feb 14th.

11. Books—Parent Council would like to see more books in the learning commons. Council discussed:

- a “book drive” requesting recent, high interest, clean books and asking for donations in a newsletter
- possible parent “donations” through the scholastic orders
- possible partnership with The Bookkeeper, a local business

Since there is currently not enough shelving, parent council will wait until the upgrades in the learning commons have been completed. Council will follow up with this item at a future meeting.

12. Next School Council Meeting date set for Feb 5/19

Meeting adjourned