

**Naahii Ridge Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2018**

In Attendance:

Mary Anne P, Elaine B, Nicole T, Laura Z, Janet E, Sara M, Cindy M, Jennifer W, Candace N, Chantel B,

Minutes & Agenda

Minutes of September 11, 2018 meeting, and Agenda for November 5, 2018 meeting approved. Moved by Sara M, seconded by Nicole T.

Chair of School Council Election

- Discussion of role of chair and what's involved – sending out meeting reminders and agenda, PRO grant application, point of contact for other parents and connection to Principal
- Elaine willing to chair the remainder of term if someone willing to put name forward for February to June 2019

Volunteer Police checks

- Binder organized with submitted police checks was circulated, they are good for 5 years, just need to sign next to appropriate year
- Type of check required is the PVSC (Vulnerable Sector) and whether required depends on context in which working with the children (example field trip volunteer versus serving children breakfast every day)
- **ACTION: Everyone to consider their involvement with the school and if a police check is required. You may have a valid one from employment that can be submitted, or need to register and apply for the PVSC online (\$15 for volunteer):**
<http://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/chathamkent/>

Volunteering & Fundraising

- List distributed for review and sign up; no support required for Santa Claus parade or Grade 6 event; Flower fundraiser needs more volunteers

Wreath fundraiser

- Andrea W and Mary Anne P organized wreath fundraiser
- Need volunteers for pick up from 1-5pm on Dec 3/18
- Date and pick up time on newsletter is incorrect
- **ACTION: Cindy M to communicate correct day/time on Facebook page**

Turkey Dinner

- Cindy M leading turkey dinner with several volunteers to support
- Letter to send to businesses/organizations to support is available for parents to use with community contacts (can get a printed copy from the office); Deadline of Dec 1st to follow up

with businesses so we know what will be received for donations; a letter will be sent home to parents with the amount per student still required and/or school council funds could support – motion by Cindy M in principle to contribute up to \$800.00, seconded by Nicole T

- **ACTION: Mary Anne P to distribute letter to rest of council members by email for their use with follow-up by Dec 1. Cindy M to connect with the volunteers for anything else required and time/details of day.**

Breakfast program

- Received generous donation from Shriner's
- Thank you cards for all donors would be a nice activity for children to work on as an art project
- Program could use support keeping milk stocked as they go through quickly with the program being so busy

Other

- FDK program wants to complete the outdoor play area
- **ACTION: FDK program to decide what they want, get estimates, and parent council can decide how much to cover**
- What about a toy drive or other donations for Salvation Army? Still many needs to be met in the community: toys and general necessities (diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo, etc)
- **ACTION: Mary Anne P to set up a donation box at book fair, turkey dinner, and allow classrooms to organize their contributions how they would like**

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Update – Jennifer W

- PIC is a Board wide initiative that meets 4-5 times per year, focusing on overarching issues
- A few highlights from Meeting on Oct 15 (Minutes circulated)
- Member of Board's Indigenous Liaison Committee to be invited to PIC
- Jim Costello is retiring
- With new government, expecting cuts for education sector
- PIC spring event – any topic of interest?
- Provincial consultations about education reform going on right now
- Discussed mix of feedback about school cash online; Limited to "cheque" online as opposed to credit card as other options carry additional fees
- **ACTION: Send any ideas for PIC spring event for parents to Jennifer W or communicate to Mary Anne P**
- **ACTION: Jennifer W to get Cindy M. added to the PIC Facebook page through the PIC committee**
- **ACTION: Parents interested in participating in the consultation on education reform, go here to see all the ways (email, telephone town hall, online survey):**
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents> (closes Dec 15/18)
- **ACTION: School Cash Online feedback for Jennifer W to take forward to PIC from Naahii: some have found it hard to register, form has been difficult to navigate, especially for those with English as a second language; helpline is not local and was not able to help**

- **ACTION: Mary Anne P to determine if it is possible to have more months of food orders available to order at one time through school cash online**

Principal Report

School Improvement Plan / EQAO

- Grade 3 students (35 did assessment, % meeting 70% provincial standard):
 - o Reading 49%
 - o Writing 37%
 - o Math 29%
- Gr 6 students (46 did assessment, % meeting 70% provincial standard):
 - o Reading 81%
 - o Writing 72%
 - o Math 23%
- Sept and Oct PA days focused on taking a closer look at results and starting school improvement planning; many students were very close to the cutoff mark in math
- School Goals:
 - o All areas: specific targeted feedback to students in a timely manner, that children can apply to make changes; Mary Anne P provided description and examples
 - o Literacy: Levelled Literacy Instruction (LLI) (Erners, Desbiens), speech and language referrals, Kiwanis coming in to read with kids in Gr 1
 - o Math: School wide focus on math is a priority and will explain further at next school council meeting
- ACTION: Mary Anne P to bring examples to next meeting to understand how they are approaching math and how parents can help at home

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and Foundations for a Healthy School

- Discussion deferred to next meeting

Useful links:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/>

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/foundations.html>

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/climate.html>

Next Meeting

Jan 15, 2018 at 6:30