

Oct 17, 2016

Present- Carla Wilson, Angie Baresich, Aleesha Gray, Rebecca White, Carrie Angus, Heather Baresich, Bill Long, Rachel Bryans, Paula Mitchell, Shawna Chapman, Kim Lee

Approval of minutes from previous meeting  
approved by Rachel Bryans and Bill Long

### EQAO

Gr. 3 – Reading 63%    Writing 70%    Math 47%

Gr. 6 – Reading 66%    Writing 79%    Math 21%

Math, like the board and province, is our area of greatest struggle and is our focus as a teaching staff for professional development.

- A Number Talk was modeled by Mme Gray
- Need to support parents, new way of doing math than your basic algorithms
- Area of weakness is understanding the problem
- Strategy: visualize, verbalized, verify
- Plan a Math night for parents? Sooner than later
- Write something in our next newsletter about math support.
- Share Number Talk lessons with parent by students

### Zones of Regulation

We are implementing this school wide. This is a resource that teaches kids how to self-regulate. Powerpoint reviewed with School Council members.

- Each classroom teacher uses this language with their students
- This helps students identify their feelings
  
- Parent asks: Is there support for the older students? With mental health, anxiety...
- We have different avenues for support ie. St, Clair Child and Youth, we have a psychometrist who can offer support
- Built into the curriculum
- Our school gets extra support

### New Volunteer and Volunteer Driver Policies

We have revised Volunteer and Volunteer Driver Policies in the board.

The following volunteers require a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) every five years and must undergo the formal screening process and provide an annual Offence Declaration:

- a) Parent/guardians and community volunteers who assist in the school on a daily or weekly basis

- b) elementary parents/guardians and community volunteers on overnight excursions of any kind
- c) Parent/guardians and community volunteers accompanying secondary students on overnight excursions with exceptions only to be approved by the principal and the Superintendent
- d) non-parent, non-guardian volunteers not known to the school community
- e) volunteer drivers of any students under the age of 18.
- f) others, as deemed necessary by the principal.

In addition to the police check, I need to provide an orientation to the school, discuss requirements of confidentiality, discipline and disclosure of abuse. The volunteer must complete the volunteer agreement form. The principal must keep all of this on file in a binder in the office.

#### Volunteer Drivers:

When it comes to approved school excursions (e.g., field trips, sporting events), parents cannot transport children other than their own during the instructional day (9:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.) unless they have fulfilled the requirements to be a volunteer driver (police vulnerable sector check, carry a million dollars of personal liability insurance, they are at least 21, have a G license and have filled in the necessary forms). This policy is driven by legislation, safety of students and liability.

We will make every effort to provide a bus to and from school excursions to avoid needing to use volunteer drivers, but we have asked parents if they are willing to fulfill the requirements if we should need to call on them.

#### Presentations and Events

Respect Revolution was here on October 14<sup>th</sup>. It is a group of students who put on a dynamic musical presentation. The message of this presentation was about respect, dignity and trying to make a difference to stop bullying.

Mad Science Demonstration the afternoon of October 14<sup>th</sup>. They will again be running a 6 week after school science club that kids can sign up for.

Municipal Council Meeting will be taking place in our Learning Commons on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Our students in Gr. 4-8 go down and observe for a portion of it and have the opportunity to ask questions.

The Power of One Presentation is coming on November 10<sup>th</sup>. It is an anti-bullying presentation.

Our first Celebration Assembly is October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m. Most of our teaching staff and Mrs. Wilson will be performing YMCA, as we met our class and school goals for Terry Fox.

Field trips are being organized.

### Craft Sale Nov 26- 9am- 1 pm

- 37 tables booked so far
- Angie and Lisa- greenery
- Kim- raffle tickets
- Vendors can set up on the Friday
- Shawna and Aleesha bake sale
- Rebecca and Paula kitchen
- Carrie will help out, flyers, FB, radio stations
- table fee \$20 (next year change to \$25)
- tables must donate a raffle prize (Kim will organize that)
- Santa was in the kids craft area, have him back again this year
- Book fair will be back again

### Fundraising

- put on order forms what the money is being raised for
- break down field trip costs on permission forms for parents
- outdoor classroom, Aleesha will look into that
- community raised money could go right back into school trips..back to students
- give \$10 per student for trips
- approved \$600 towards sports equipment
- approved \$1000 towards 8 new Osmo kits
- Aleesha will look into getting new microphones for the LC
- pizza day's: Nov 3rd, December 1st, December 22
- Soup and Grilled cheese day: Nov. 18
- hot dog days for choir, later on in the year

Next meeting: December 12 at 6pm