

Naahii Ridge Public School
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2018

Present:

Elaine Brown (Co-Chair), Nicole T., Kellie DeCook, Candace Noah, Jennifer Whiteye (Co-Secretary)

Staff: Mary Anne Patterson, Paul Gilbert

Regrets:

Cindy Warwick, Sarah Ferren (Co-Secretary), Gillian Pollard, Laura Zettler

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - NOV.6, 2017

Approve Parent Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2017.

Moved by: Elaine B.

Seconded by: Nicole T.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Parent Council meeting agenda of January 15, 2018 accepted as presented.

Moved by: Candace N.

Seconded by: Kellie D.

CARRIED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mary Anne Patterson:

Kinderstart - Will be held in the Learning Commons; Many stations set up i.e. registration, Parent Council, Breakfast Club; Event will take place from 9:00am-5:30pm on February 20, 2018; Delaware Nation's senior kindergarten class has been invited to attend; Also will be advertising the event on the Delaware Nation radio station; Free swag for kids (water bottle, bag etc.)

Projected Enrolment - There are 41 grade 6 students moving on to grade 7 next year; largest cohort leaving Naahii.

Turkey Dinner - Successfully held on December 19, 2017; Suggestion to invite the Breakfast Club volunteers to the event next year; Ability to continue offering the event is a concern due to finances; Dana's provided the meal and offered it at a reasonable expense (\$7/per plate); When the event originally began Turkey Bucks were utilized and each class brought in items, however, rules have also since changed since then; Delaware Nation and the Kiwanis Club each donated \$400 to the event;

Other donations were received from staff; \$2,500 was utilized from our fundraising budget; Suggestion that a small team of parents start reaching out to community partners in September for donations; Don't want to charge more than \$2 per student; Agreed that this is an important event to continue offering.

Christmas Carolling - Performance held on December 21, 2017 was enjoyed by all; Thank you to all the parent and staff volunteers.

Winter Olympics Day - Will be held on February 16, 2018; Promoting physical activity and "participation"; Jenny Sheppy is planning the event in which the whole school will participate in a day of activities.

Leveraging Technology (Presented by Paul Gilbert) - A handout was distributed to the Parent Council for discussion which included 6 questions for consideration on leveraging technology; Principal's were asked to complete questionnaire as well; Feedback has to be submitted by the end of the month; Discussed each question as a group with Paul recording responses; Asked that the document be sent out electronically to the Parent Council for further input; Discussion is related to TELP (to be discussed next).

NEW BUSINESS:

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (UPDATE) - Jennifer Whiteye:

- Minutes from November 27, 2017 PIC meeting were distributed;
- Highlights of the PIC meeting were shared including KEV School Cash Online - 20 schools in the initial installation were selected, unfortunately Naahii was not a part of the pilot, in order for this roll out to be successful there needs to be 80-85% parent participation in the program.
- Major discussion was regarding Technology Enriched Learning Plan (TELP) - background was shared including that the program started 5 years ago with students in Dresden and Wallaceburg as pilots; Grade 7 students were issued iPads which were to stay with them until Grade 10; Preliminary EQAO results suggest that engagement with students is up but no major increases in results have been realized; Cost of iPads annually is approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000 depending on the number of grade 7 students; TELP model is in jeopardy due to increased iPad costs and reduced Technology Enriched Learning Funding to school boards; Each PIC member was asked to gather feedback from Parent Councils on the following options:
 - (1) Moving to a 2:1 iPad model where an iPad is shared between 2 students
 - (2) Providing a class allocation of iPads for students to share
 - (3) BYOi model where students would bring their own iPads as the Board has committed to iOS apps for Math and Literacy

The following comments were raised during our discussion:

- It is important to continue TELP to see the original cohort finish grade 12
- Grade 9 and Grade 12 EQAO results are important indicators for tracking TELP results (not just the Grade 9 results solely)
- Those families/students who are able to bring their own iPads should be encouraged to do so.
- A sharing model can be utilized throughout Grade 9 to 12. It is important for the model to be carried through the high school as well.
- Mix in BYOD (bring your own device).
- Chromebook is approximately half the price of an iPad - at Naahii we have just as many Chromebooks as we do iPads and they are liked by the students.

PROGRANT - Mary Anne Patterson, Nicole T., and Elaine Brown:

- Mary Anne, Nicole and Elaine met recently to start planning the event.
- A document was distributed explaining the proposed concept.
- \$1,106 was approved for the event.
- Will be offering concurrent kids and parents/caregivers sessions promoting mental health. Also will incorporate various stations (passports) and include prizes. Saidat will be offering the kids program called “Train your Brain”. A grade JK-3 Assembly has also been incorporated.
- Proposed date for this evening event is April 5, 2018.
- Will be getting volunteers from the high school to assist that evening.
- Cannot use ProGrant money for prizes.
- Estimate to be over budget by \$300-\$400.

Parent Council funds will be utilized to offset the event costs not covered by the ProGrant.

Moved by: Kellie D.

Seconded by: Nicole T.

CARRIED

SCHOOL COUNCIL BUDGET - Mary Anne Patterson:

- Current budget \$2,989.07
- \$1,528 from the wreath fundraiser
- Suggestion for future fundraising - every child donates an item; items are written down daily on a calendar; sell calendars for \$5; opportunity to win a daily draw for the school year.
- In the past have raised \$6,000-\$8,000 in the shoot-a-thon.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2018 @ 6:30pm (tentative)

Cindy W. will be the chair for the remainder of the year.

Adjournment - 8:00pm.