

Naahii Ridge Public School
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 2017

Present:

Candace N., Gillian P., Elaine B. (Co-Chair), Laura Z., Cindy M, Cindy W., Nicole T., Elaine B., Cynys G.; Melodie E.; Leslie T., Jennifer W. (Co-Secretary)

Staff: Mary Anne Patterson, Paul Gillbert, Merry Fish

Regrets:

Janice A.
Sara F. (Co-Secretary)

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - SEPT. 12, 2017

- Christmas concert lead is Cindy M. (correction from Cindy W.)
- Merry F. (correction from Mary F.)

Approve Parent Council meeting minutes of September 12, 2017 with noted changes.

Moved by: Nicole T.

Seconded by: Cindy W.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mary Ann Patterson:

Remembrance Day Assembly - Service will be held on November 10, 2017 starting at 10:30am at Naahii; Mr. Martin is the lead; Every class is participating in some way; Everyone is invited; Cindy M. to advertise on Facebook.

Bus Driver Recognition - Each driver got a thank you card with a treat; Each was also invited to the turkey dinner; good feedback from drivers.

Turkey Dinner - Will be held on December 19, 2017 with two sittings between 12pm and 2pm; Dana's is providing the meal, which has been ordered (including buns and stuffing); \$2,044 is the total cost; Cindy M. is coordinating volunteers; Delaware Nation Kindergarten is coming to the event.

Christmas Carolling - In need of 4-5 more parent volunteers; Commitment would be twice a week/ 20minutes per session/ 2 recesses; starts the 16th of November; Call or email Cindy M. if interested; Discussed enhanced lighting for the concert with a potential in the future to program music with the lights; This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland."

Wreath Fundraiser - Also in need of more volunteers; will send out a email with available time slots.

Other Fundraising - Discussed the potential to look into other fundraising items such as fruit and vegetable baskets.

Sound System & Other Purchases - The sound system in the gym, specifically the microphones, has been improved; Three hanging mics are now installed (choir sound system); Volume can be adjusted on them; The new keyboard and bells have been purchased (approved at a prior meeting).

Progress Reports - Will be going home on November 17, 2017; Kindergartens have a new progress report - general overview of how doing in Kindergarten this far; Grade 1-6 reports contain no marks; Within the envelope being sent home is a form for student conferences - sign up for a time; Student led interviews will be held the night of November 23, 2017 and the morning of November 24, 2017 (book fair will be set up during these times as well); There will also be an interview night hosted in the Delaware Nation-Moravian of the Thames with date/time TBD; General observation by the Principal that the reports are very personalized to each student; Discussed the future report card format which has not been implemented yet - "Communication of Learning" - no grades, all comments.

Bus Evacuation Training - This training will be two parts: 1st part is an assembly/ bus robot comes to do a presentation for the students and the 2nd part is when the students do a mock evacuation from the back of bus.

School Drills - Three fall fire drills, a tornado drill and a lock down drill have all been completed. Will carry on with more drills in the Spring again.

School Improvement Planning:

- EQAO results were discussed in detail.
- Grade 3 testing in the past 3 years have shown a rise in reading, writing and math; However, this year in math we've seen a dramatic drop in results; 22% of grade 3's are at provincial standard which is down from 62% from the previous year; 6% was accounted for by children who were exempted.
- Grade 6 results dropped from 50% in the prior year to 21% this year.
- There is a lot of work to do in this area; snap shot but is still a measurement of curriculum; The entire province continues to focus on math - renewed math strategy (public and catholic schools); LKDSB is focusing on math - asking what is the learning need for students and then what do the teachers need to do achieve this; The better of 2 full PA days looked at all students in grade 3 & 6 - analyzed data; All staff meetings are focused on math.
- Focusing in on conceptual understanding of number sense and numeration.
- School Improvement Plan is ambitious.
- There will be 3 school wide math problems completed this year; They will be carried out with the students and then the teachers will debrief on how the students dealt with the problem; By adding more restraints to the problem it makes it more challenging for the varying grade levels; Staff will bring

documentation with them to the debriefs i.e. using Seesaw, notes, videos, check-lists; Will start to learn about the continuum of learning.

- Issue was brought forward that there are upset parents due to EQAO results (parents with students now in grade 4); discussed the value of communicating with all parents; Suggested putting info in newsletter and on Facebook; Discussed putting the newsletter link up on Facebook at the beginning of every month.
- Get parents talking about math at home; Provide suggestions of how to use math at home; Include this info in the school newsletter.
- Parents can check online for the Ontario curriculum to look up your son or daughter's grade level.

PRO Grant:

- \$1,106 was approved for an event that covers the general area of mental health/ community health and weaved in to that is the natural environment and how it impacts mental health.
- Would like to provide parents with access to mental health info and supports plus have fun activities for the kids.
- Nicole T. and Elaine B. wrote the PRO Grant on behalf of the Council.
- April 2018 is the target month for the event.
- Suggestion to involve Kenesserie Camp or the Conservation Area; Elly Fraser mentioned as the school board lead for mental health - will discuss a topic and do it for free; Could also access Open Minds.

Santa Claus Parade - Will be held December 9, 2017 starting at 1pm; Open invitation for student/parent participation; Meet 12:30 at the high school; The theme is Canada 150; Will send more info out closer to the date.

Michael Mitchel Performance - Is a renowned singer/songwriter/ school performer, is coming to Naahii to perform on December 1, 2017 at 9:30am; Everyone is welcome for this event; He is doing a Canada 150 flavour to his shows.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (UPDATE) - Jennifer Whiteye:

- Jennifer attended her first PIC meeting on October 2nd in Chatham.
- Discussed the role of the PIC including to liaison between parents of LKDSB and the Director of Education and Trustees; to provide advice to School Councils on how to encourage parent involvement; and to support parent engagement with the LKDSB.
- 10-15 parents representing both elementary & secondary schools participate with membership term of 1 or 2 years.
- 4 meetings held per year.
- Highlights of the PIC meeting were shared: Pupil accommodation up approximately 200 students from projected elementary enrolment; as a result of rural engagements held, there is a pause on Pupil Accommodation Reviews until September 2018; KEV School Cash Online program - 20 pilots selected, Naahii was

not one of them, but the goal is to have all schools on the system; and Regionally 20 schools approved for 17-18 PRO Grants totalling \$19,850.

- Encouraged to check out the LKDSB website for all the PIC info including meeting agendas and minutes.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment - 8:15pm.