

School Council Meeting – January 16, 2017

Member Present: Jessi, Ellen, Jenny, Angela, Aimee, Lindsey, Amie and Krista
Regrets: Laura, Kristine and Karin

Minutes from December Meeting

First: Aimee

Second: Angela

Little Caesars Pizza

- [Gift cards: we don't have them yet – Angela to follow up
- [Would like to use them to purchase pizza for the movie night
 - o Council voted on this – motion carried
- [Ellen volunteered to pick up the pizza on movie night

Staff Report – Amie DeVeth

- [December Activities Update:
 - o Kindergarten ran Elf Shop and raised close to \$300
 - o Elf workshop where student rotated
 - o Great turn out for the holiday concert
- [Student Leadership:
 - o Planning an outdoor winter fest
 - o Hoping to sell candy grams for Valentine's Day
 - o Would like to have a onesie day, favourite character day and a living-out-loud day (where everyone dresses in bright colours)
- [Sports:
 - o Ms. Vodareck is planning a Right to Play assembly (touching on equality and female representation in sports)
- [Eco-Schools:
 - o Encouraging litter less lunches
 - o Looking to move towards boomerang lunches (where any litter/garbage from lunches is sent home)
 - o Lindsey Cook stated that the school board uses a private company for garbage pickup – the city does not do the garbage pickup – will look into how many garbage bags the school currently has each week with hopes that this number will decrease as litter less lunches is promoted more.
 - o Promoting a lights out program – where the lights are turned off at lunch time and natural light is being used (School's electricity bill is currently around \$5000 a month)
 - o Having a sweater day in February – will turn the heat down by 2 degrees – information will be coming out about this
- [Communication between staff and council:

Principal's Report – Lindsey Cook

- [School Climate Survey:
 - o Will be done every two years
 - o Survey for students, teachers and parents on topics such as feeling safe at school, feeling accepted – overall well-being at school
 - o Grade 4-8 and teachers have participated in it

- Parents can still participate in it – there is direct link for the survey on the website
- This will be used for the school learning plan when looking at setting goals for the school
- [Pedometer Project (video)
 - Watched a video on it:
 - talked about what DPA is
 - how it is beneficial for students
 - students spoke about what DPA does for them
 - 45 schools were chosen for this project
 - More than 20,000 students will receive pedometers
 - Schools will receive support to implement the pedometers
 - The data collect on weekly basis from the pedometers and will be put on the board website
 - Classrooms can use the data in math lessons, as well as for healthy positive competition with other classes as well as other schools
 - Hopes to kick off January 23rd and 26th – the kick off will be split into primary and intermediate
- [Twitter and School Website Update:
 - Lindsey and staff support Christine Stones have been working very hard to make the website more functional and up-to-date
 - Parent Council minutes, Newsletters, and At a Glance all being posted regularly
 - The website is mobile friendly
 - Goal for next year is for the website to be used for all school information and to only be using SynerVoice (School Connects) for important information or emergencies
- [Eat Well to Excel:
 - Funding for this program comes from two places
 - Government Grant – Eat Well To Excel – the more stats we send in the more money we can potentially get (if we don't have the numbers we don't have the funding)
 - Sharing Place – they have switched to yogurt tubes and fruit instead of cream cheese and fruit due to certain places only taking gift cards
 - Amie D. is willing to work with students and go back to snack bowls or a snack bar – this will be separate from the breakfast club (this has not been finalized)
 - There is a parent that works with Salvation Army and they also offer a school-box program – very similar to what the Sharing Place does for us
- [New Kindergarten Report Card:
 - This is through the Ontario Ministry of Education – can access information on this through their website
 - Moving away from marks and grades to a learning story
 - Four boxes that document each child's learning journey
 - This comes out in February for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten
- [SGF Report:
 - Lindsey made some changes to the fundraising plan
 - Added Boston Pizza
 - Added Cupcake sales for SPCA – Ms. Bagley's Class is running this

- Hot chocolate sales is now under school needs
 - Intermediate Teachers/students would like to makes some changes to the Red Caboose Vendor Sale/BBQ fundraiser; would like to change it to just a BBQ without the vendor sales and would like it to be through the week rather than on the weekend
 - Aimee will speak to Nicole from Red Caboose about these changes to see if the fundraiser will be a go
 - Intermediate Teachers/students would also like to do chocolate sales for fundraising
 - Ms. Vodarek's class will be doing a student auction – students will auction themselves to be teacher's helper for a day
 - Popcorn was over ordered and we have lots of extra – would we like to use it to sell on movie night? -- no decision made on this yet
- [Playground Update:
- Decided on not having a snowball range due to the amount of ice on the playground and supervision
- [Looking Ahead:
- Reports cards go home February 17, 2017
 - Ontario Teachers' Insurance Plan (OTIP) and Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) are sponsoring the OTIP Teaching Awards
 - These awards will recognize the excellence of our teachers in publicly funded education
 - There are three categories: elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher and beginning teacher (in first five years of teaching)
 - A teacher can be nominated by anyone
 - For further information there will be a poster at the school as well as you can check it out at teachingawards.ca
 - Nominations must be in by March 21, 2017

PRO-grant - April 27. Speaker Danielle Mink. Topic Resilience. Suggestion of Sub Committee for format of event and children's involvement.

Bags2School – Drop off Jan 19 & 20, pick up Jan 23rd. Will ask for student help with loading.

Movie Night – Classes to vote for movie, narrowed down to Paddington, The Book of Life, Home, Norm of the North and Storks. To be put to email vote about whether to use excess Kernel's popcorn for movie night or look for donations of kernels to be popped. Student volunteers to be used for popcorn and pizza sales. Will also sell CHPS water bottles. Door open 5:30, 5:45 movie start.

Valentine's Dance – To use DJ or to create music playlist for the dance. Discussion to use a playlist to save on cost.

Next Meeting Feb 6, 2017 6:30pm