

## **Couchiching Heights School Council**

### **October 3, 2016**

Present: Alison Bradshaw, Amie deVeth, Aimee Cooper, Laura Grant, Kristine Riedel-Fiddick, Angela Munro, Ellen Milburn, Sandra Huxtable, Jessi Lynch, Jenny Pepper, Krista Leigh

#### Welcome and Introductions

September meeting Minutes Approved

First: Sandra Huxtable, Second: Alison Bradshaw

#### Co-Chair's Report: Laura Grant

- Council is: an advisory body acting as liaison between school body and administration. To bring new ideas and concerns to council and act with constructive feedback and positive problem solving to work through concerns and ideas
- Code of Ethics shared to create positive environment - will be discussed and voted on at November meeting
- Admin profile will be completed at the November meeting
- SCDSB is looking for feedback regarding Strategic Plan – see board website for online survey – spread the word
- Event at Board office - “Connections” is planned and hosted by the SCDSB’s Parent Involvement Committee. The event runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m October 18th. The networking and information booth portion will take place between 4 and 5 p.m. The Education Centre is located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Registration forms available on the SCDSB website under PIC committee – up to 3 council members can attend
- Nomination forms for school council membership need to be completed and into the office before October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nominations and voting results
  - Co-chairs Laura Grant and Aimee Cooper
- Secretary Karin Penny-Nie, substitute Secretary Krista Leigh
- Council receives each year parent engagement fund of \$500 – council voted to apply this fund to the school agendas – unanimous vote
- Quorum
  - proposal minimum of 4 present to vote on an item, only one can be either the principal or teacher representative – majority in favour
  - if over 4 present to vote – both teacher rep and principal votes count – majority in favour
  - if a tie in vote – an email will be sent to all council members and a vote taken that way – majority in favour
  - Principal or teacher rep are able to second the meeting minutes – majority in favour

Principal's Update: Alison Bradshaw

- Many activities happening at school: Intermediate Girls Basketball, flag football, x-country running
- Cooch Cup for x-country held at CHPS this Wednesday, Oct 5 from 1:50-3:10 volunteers needed – contact Diane Barr
- Classroom switches have taken place – 3 classes kindergartens to 2 classes; Ms. Balkwill's grade 1 class has been moved to the Kindergarten hall, One portable will be removed – Ms. Chaput's grade 4 class will move into the school in the primary area
- Eat Well to Excel funding for Breakfast club – this year will have a sit down area for the club, food will be available from 8:30-8:50am; volunteers needed for this program
- Social media – push to have parents subscribe to the school website
  - Facebook – admins are Alison, Laura and Aimee
  - Twitter – Alison is the admin
  - If there are issues being raised on these social media sites – School council is to act as a positive body assuring parents that the issues will be discussed at council, if a council member has an issue could they please direct the issue straight to Alison via email, or private message on facebook – Council is a united front
- Picture Day – Monday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>
- EQAO results Grade 3 Reading 74%, Writing 71%, Math 65%; Grade 6 Reading 71%, Writing 62%, Math 29%
  - many reasons to consider when looking at the results
  - children in grades 4 and 7 will have results sent home soon
  - new strategy Circular Math – a combo of foundational skills, math strings, looking back to make sure students understand the basics, looking forward to make sure they are ready for the next concepts, and consolidating the information to make sure they understand it; 100mins per day
  - all schools in Orillia had similar results to implementing a similar plan

### Welcome Back Event

- feedback – pre-sell food tickets next time
  - have food available at the school rather than across at Red Caboose
  - opening classrooms – next year move the date to after classroom shuffle has happened so parents can meet teachers
  - made \$134

### Fundraising Activities

- Previous successful money generators – popcorn, milk, pizza and pita sales, Christmas swag
- Fundraising ideas will be emailed out to council members for a vote and put into fundraising plan to be submitted by end of Oct – Aimee and Laura to work on this
- Trevor Hewitt from Hewitts Farm and Market gave presentation about fundraising packages thru through them

- Hewitts prepares all of the forms to go out and then organizes everything by student; can be picked up from the market or brought to the school for pick up at the school
- 5-6 weeks required for big holiday times to send forms home and have them back 3 weeks in advance of delivery date
- Other ideas for fundraising efforts – Boston pizza sign your name on back of receipt and 10% goes back to school – ongoing; possibly the same at Royal Oak Chinese Food – this will be looked into
  - McDonald's and Raise the Dough thru Little Caesar's or Dominos or both – need specific dates
  - Barrie Colts game – tickets \$20, \$6 is returned to the school
  - Clothing donation – bags distributed and returned to school with acceptable items – weighed and money given back to school for certain weight – Amie deVeth to let us know vendor for this from Lion's Oval, and Jenny Pepper from Harriet Todd

#### Events

- PRO Grant – to be discussed more at next meeting
- Lice Checks – set for Friday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – volunteers needed
- Movie Night – majority agreed we should have one again this year – proposed date Thursday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Laura and Alison will check that date for permit

**Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm**

**Next meeting: Monday, Nov 7 at 6:30pm CHPS library**

**Minutes taken by Amie deVeth and typed by Laura Grant**