

## School Council Minutes - January 15, 2018

Nadia (co-chair)- begins meeting.

Review of November Minutes by Lori Johnson.

Motion to approve minutes.

Introduction of new acting Principal, Rick Bowman

- Goal to have a safe and respectful school.

Introduction of council.

Stephanie Smith, Leanne, Kerri Angus, Leanne, Lori Johnson, Valerie Awrey, Julia, Sheena, Rheena, Nadia

### School Updates:

1. Grade 8 Scientists in the school. Went very well.
2. A lot of spirit days.
3. Food Drive- not as much food as in the past.  
Suggestions for Food Drive:
  - a. Use themes for week/day (e.g., how much pasta can we bring in this week).
  - b. Provide more time to gather food (this year's drive was shorter)

### Upcoming Events:

1. Gifted students attending debate at SCDSB. - Friday, Jan. 19
  2. OPP- Jan. 24- to visit primary classrooms to break stigma of fear of police officers
    - As well as bring in more of a presence into the school.
  3. January 26- PA Day
  4. January 25 - Winter hat day.
  5. Hundreds day- hundredth day of school- activities surrounding this involving math
  6. Children choir from Uganda to do a performance for the school. \$1-2 donation per student.
- Motion Mr. Bowman- to book choir - Seconded by Leanne.
7. Annual Report has been handed in.
  8. School Action Plan. - To meet the Strategic Goals from the Board.
    - Team of teachers has met to review demographic data, survey from student voice, and climate survey (from grades 4-8, parents) and gather information to create school goal.
    - Province Wide Goal: Mathematics- lifelong learning skills (problem solving, reasoning, justifying and proving answers)
    - Student clarity is a goal for the school (learning goals, success criteria) as well as providing feedback and self-assessment
    - Goal is to provide learning goal and success criteria for 4 of out 5 lessons
    - Lori is a Instructional Assessment Facilitator

Second Goal: Well-being goal: Foster to enhance a positive sense of self and to promote respect within the school and community

- Parent Council to support the school goals. One way to do this is through Edu Groves. We need to set a date for Edugroves to present to community.

Question in regards to Edugroves: Can you describe the programme?

- Fun program that involves movement and learning to support student self-esteem
- Mental health survey shows that positive body image for students is low.

#### 5. School Admin. Profile

- Based on feedback from parent council

Kyla addressed the portion that parents want access to website- she would like parents to email Kyla to add any items.

- Better social media presence: Kyla tweets some events, up to individual teachers to use (twitter, Seesaw, Remind App)
- Discuss with teachers social media presence and hashtagging school so parents can see this on Twitter
- Calendar is sent home - with events at both locations
- Another note in February - please subscribe to website

#### 6. School Business:

Addition to agenda: \$500 from parent engagement funding (PIC funding) was used for student agendas

a. School generated funds allocations:

- Purchased math manipulatives for Moonstone (around \$15000) and Coldwater (\$700-1000)
- Gaga ball kit, shed (with racks), Moonstone location - indoor gym equipment, order being done at Coldwater location,
- Speech and Language Kit- Lunch and Learn will be done for kindergarten teachers
- SRA reading programme materials ordered for Moonstone
- Business associate will be visiting next week
- Removed pergola. Front beams painted. Sign is working well.
- Work orders completed: pergola, AED moved, couches in the front foyer, locks on gates to get to river (only master key to open)
- Work orders still needing to complete: more fob swipes for front and side , light switches (this will be from school money- board will not fix this), wheel chair access, tempered glass at front foyer, blinds not in place at Moonstone for lockdown procedures (on rush), windows on doors in classrooms, Coldwater location- cut the doors so an adult can be available, fencing still has hole at Coldwater location - may be need to get looked after winter
- Question in regards to ice in-front of gate at Coldwater location- the gate must be kept open because of Snow Plow- must be kept open
- Question in regards to salt: - what type of salt does the school board use, is it pet safe, or a safer salt for students?
  - Will have to discuss with custodian what type.

d) School yard supervision- this has been increased this September, 2017 at Coldwater (2 additional supervision areas - 2 extra adults and 4 EAs- this is an increased presence of 6 adults from last school year)

Q: Has behaviour improved from increased supervision?

A: Fewer incidences of behaviour on the school yard. A huge difference in climate at school.

Some strategies being used to support student conflict-situations. Examples such as CYW support, supervision, parental support when required, restorative practice, outside agency support.

f) CPS- stage inquiry- possibility of a stage at Coldwater. This has not been looked into. Kyla is asking a parent to look into the cost of a stage (Currently using risers for graduation- that they need to disassemble).

Reena will look into the cost of the stage.

e) Edgeucation (Groove) for Parents - date needed, permit needs booked, and how to promote parents to attend.

Suggestions: - to bring child with parents

Kyla will inquire and admin. Will set date, possibly after family day. Suggestion to book 2 dates (snow date).

g) Field Trip for grade 8

- The cost is \$600. The school will subsidize the trip for parents that can not afford it.
- Kathy and Chris sent out a survey about how much the trip would cost and whether parents are interested in having child participate.

Q: Why can we not do fundraising for the field trip?

A: Because of the surplus in the budget, it was too difficult to ask the community for more money.

Q: Will the grade 7 students be going to Brock University for their trip?

A: Yes, Mrs. Price worked hard to put the paper work through, and confirmation will come through.

- Bus pricing went up 100%, so school is covering

Q: Is there any school funds that will be allocated for the grade 8 trip? If bussing is being covered for other trips, then can we cover some of the bus trip for the trip?

A: Mr. Bowman says that he will look into this (no promises), as we should be able to help parents with. If that's the case, then parents who have already paid will get a refund or parents will be asked to pay less of a last payment.

Q: What is the price for a coach bus for longer trips?

A: The buses are booked as packages, so we are not sure of the exact bus costs.

**Other business:**

a. Movie Night- Permit in for February. Kyla will give date. Julia will look into a movie that is previously viewed. If we choose a movie that has not been released on DVD then it would cost a couple of hundred dollars.

Q: Can we ask for community to donate to food bank?

A: Parent council agreed.

b) Lice Checks- In the past when there has been a number of lice incidents, we have had parents come in to the schools to do lice checks.

Kyla: - not a health risk, but a nuisance

Protocol: - parents are supposed to be the ones checking their child's head, school notifies parent,

- Health unit recommends that checks do not get done- just parent notification
- When parent brings back child- parents have to fill out a form that child has been treated

c) Motion to look into adding something extra to the Grade 8 graduation with funds. Will look into teachers.

A: Anything off set- then parent has to organize, school can not do this (insurance issues etc.)

(Craft night was a fabulous night and the concert at Moonstone was well attended and received)

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Next meeting: March 5, 2018.