

School Council Agenda

January 16, 2017

Attendance: Patrick, Roxanne, Sonya, Bernadette, Charli, Kate

Regrets: Lisa, Jayde

Approval of minutes

No issues, motion passed to approve

PIC Report

Meeting on Jan 10th was cancelled due to ice storm, no information to report. Next meeting is February 28th. Meeting will be Mindfulness

Principal's Report:

- 21C learning (virtual manipulatives) – Mathies Learning Tools – The group had a look at the different resources available on the website and explored the different virtual manipulatives. Teachers can use this tool in the classroom in many different ways, for example taking screen shots and displaying it on the smart board as a way to share or discuss the work with the rest of the class.
- New iPads / Chromebooks: We are now up to 3 carts – School received a new set of Chrome books and Ipads.
- Application for Speak Up (Be Healthy, Be Happy, Be Me) –
- What's happening at Lansdowne:
 - *Kindergarten Open House*: Happening this Thursday at 5:30.
 - *Clan Teachings*: Was supposed to happen before Christmas, the speaker had to postponed to a future date.
 - *Volleyball* - Grade 4, 5 and 6 will be starting up as well as intermediate girls and boys basketball. We also have inter-murals. All of the school nutrition breaks will have practices.
 - *Peer Mediation*: Students that are mediators are enjoying the process. Some of the students are taking it out into the school yard and are dealing with issues on their own. The Elizabeth Fry society is hoping to do a video to promote the program in order to get more funding.
 - *Student Led Conferences* – tentative date is March 2 – Lunch and Learn. Suggestion to have a save the date ahead of time to ensure maximum participation from families. Patrick reminded that the council wanted to get more involved with school things, he suggested that maybe they can help out with students who parents don't attend. This can be further discussed at the next meeting. The school would like to get different faces so it becomes more meaningful to the students instead of their regular teacher

Popcorn sales – Grade 8 trip

Starting this week with the upstairs students. Will try a smaller target group to see how much popcorn is sold. It's going to be sold in the school, but if the parents want they can preorder cases to take home. The Grade 8 trip is still being finalized.

Winter Carnival

Mr Samson and Madame Bison will be organizing a week of winter carnival activities. The teachers are coming up with different ideas as to what they can do....example scavenger hunts, maple syrup in snow, skating, pancake breakfast, jug curling, sleigh rides, aboriginal games, pyjama day etc. Kate said that she will be more than happy to help out through the Healthy Kids program, such as snow shoes and other gear. She also mentioned that she can work with Antwerp rink to help organize skating. The council was invited to help out and contact information will be shared. The winter carnival will take place the week before March break.

Pow Wow and Cultural workshops

- Date: June 8th (workshops) and June 9th Pow Wow
- Format: Same as previous year. There will be workshops on the first day and the second day will be the pow wow.

Other items:

Head lice in JK/SK classroom – The staff are checking diligently on a regular basis. Lice squad has been called in. Charli was very frustrated as she feels that perhaps some of the other parents might not be doing the same measures that she is doing. The cost is getting too expensive and not affordable. The school keeps good communication between classes and ensures that all staff is aware of any cases in the school.

Discussion around the Facebook page was discussed. The group mentioned that they have looked at other schools sites and see lots of "What's happening?". They would like to see more of what goes on, on a daily basis. Patrick mentioned that the school is working towards being able to do more in the future. By taking little steps such as twitter, they hope to get involvement from all staff.

Student council – Ms Pacman has a great background in this area and will use this to help get the students motivated about it with Mr. Caetano

Accommodation Review: Kate was happy to hear that some of the parents concerns were reviewed, and some changes were made.