

CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MINUTES

Captain R. Wilson Public School Council Meeting

Monday, November 6th, 2017

In Attendance:

Council Representation: Kathy Fournier (Principal), Nancy Trainor (Vice Principal), Andrea Bays, Susan Murphy, Milena Hadzieva-Kuzmanovic, Denise Bassett, April Brown, Sarah Vidic and Aimee Mack

Members at Large: Stephanie Clark, Tayyaba Kashif, Kevin Middleton, Millie Cardamone, Michelle Edwards-Boldt, Kristen Killeen, Laurelle Nair, Kathryn Fish, Gurjit Sangha-Durrani, Nader Ziada, and Jen Cunningham.

Council Representatives Absent: Sue Samarasinghe

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, by Susan Murphy.

Report from Chair

- Susan brought forth a motion to approve the October 2nd Meeting Minutes – April and Andrea approved the motion, all in favour.
- Review/Discussion on 2016/2017 Constitution – Susan asked for any input or clarifications that are needed.
 - Kathy – we do not have a Treasurer position but we will need one to be added to the Constitution to appease the board. Susan suggest that we the secretary and treasurer be one position – Andrea seconds, all in favour.
- Pass a motion to update constitution for 2017/2018 with edits discussed. Andrea seconds, all in favour.

Principal's Report - Kathy

- School cash online up to 92%.
- Grade 7 & 8 excursions will go ahead:
 - Grade 7 to Camp Muskoka April 3-6
 - Grade 8 to Quebec City May 22-25
- Improvements to the library will begin over holiday break, the school is in the process of getting quotes. It will include: smaller desk at the front, with more tables, new carpet, including some makers spaces.
- Kathy reminds the council to be aware that we do have an interior surveillance system that projects into the office. The screens have been moved to allow only people behind the desk to be able to see what is being transmitted, for privacy reasons.
- Update on the inquiry about water bottle filling stations. These would have to be ordered and installed through the Board's purchasing procedures and would be about \$1500 per station that would include installation and mats, etc. so it would be approximately \$3000 to put one in on each level. Kristen – no update for ability to win one with the Halton Region. Also indicated that in previous experiences with a school where they were installed, the school sold refillable water bottles (once the stations were installed) as a possible fundraiser to offset the cost of the stations.

- Susan indicated that Council started the year with approximately \$11,000, less the \$5,000 allocated for library improvements, less the costs of the Terra Cotta initiative, the Pita Pit initiative, and the upstart costs of the Fun Fair, there would be enough to pay for the stations.
- School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Plan reviewed by Kathy. It is based on development of the 3 pillars: Literacy, Numeracy, and Student Well-Being. Success is measured via the EQAO scores, report cards marks, reading levels, student work, and the Tell Them from Me, and Have Your Say surveys. The 2017 EQAO scores are as follows (percentage of students achieving the ministry benchmark – level 3 or 4):
 - Grade 3:
 - 2017 Reading: 73 School/82 Board/74 Province
 - 2017 Writing: 75 School/79 Board/73 Province
 - 2017 Mathematics: 62 School/70 Board/62 Province
 - Grade 6:
 - 2017 Reading 91 School/87 Board/81 Province
 - 2017 Writing 85 School/86 Board/79 Province
 - 2017 Mathematics 65 School/57 Board/50 Province
 - Literacy – focused primary reading strategies includes: Guided Reading, LLI, Resources, Readers/Writers workshops in classrooms, SERT/LRT/Primary Teachers, as well as Lead teachers within each division. The Emergent Literacy project – between Kinder and primary teams for non-reader assessments, and monitoring of student achievement.
 - Mathematics – focused on junior/intermediate, as well as students with IEPS. Strategies involve:
 - Assessments (achievement charts, assessment planner using more than test scores as markers)
 - Resources (Dreambox, Leaps & Bounds)
 - Monitoring and diagnostics (Making Math Meaningful, Dreambox dashboard, Landscapes for Learning)
 - Instructional program leader (Kristen Marshall) support & PD for staff, Lead teachers
 - LD Math Learners Projects
 - Student Well-Being – helping our kids feel like they belong, fitting in with peers, giving them a voice using the Tell Them from Me and Have Your Say surveys. Strategies:
 - Self regulation, mindfulness, and chillaxation
 - Shift – collaborative activities, improve methodologies
 - Student Leadership Council, and Alliance
 - PALS, Me to We
 - Collaborative Problem Solving

Fundraising and Events

Chapter's Night is Nov 27 (a prior year approved activity).

- Will be held at Chapters at Dorval Town Centre 5pm – 8pm.
- Mr. Flynn has doors prizes and will organize musical entertainment and story tellers

Terra Cotta Initiative – 349 boxes (100 boxes less than previous year) for a total of \$4537. Our profit is \$5 per box. Factors impacting the success may have been that the prices went up and timing was difficult with other fundraising activities going on at the same time. On a positive note for administration, all but 2 orders cashless. Delivery will be Nov 22 in the afternoon, a parent will be needed at approximately 1pm to receive the shipment and to confirm and organize distribution.

- Susan has reached out to Garth Webb for volunteers, and will email the parents looking for additional volunteers. Andrea will be here that afternoon to quarterback.

Pita Pit Lunch Initiative – not as successful as last time. Having administrative issues with drop off, etc. so will have to revisit the initiative if we are interested in doing it again later in the year.

Lunch Lady reached out to Susan, she felt it was pretty expensive and did not think it was worth the initiative. Many attendees provided feedback on the program when it ran previously that the administration is very difficult and causes more problems than it seemed to solve.

- Kid Sentinals is another hot meal lunch provider that is highly recommended, and is preferred by other schools, and maybe another option for vendors for future initiatives.

Susan has booked the Dance-a-thon with Professor Jamz for Feb 12, details can be determined at a later date.

Parental Involvement Committee

- 10th Annual PIC Conference Recap
 - A few members were able to attend and very highly regarded as the best so far.
 - The Keynote speakers were amazing, as well as sessions which are very informative.
- Susan met with a nutritionist, Andrea Falcone. She did a seminar at the Conference on wellness and Susan would like to consider her as an option for our Wellness PIC Event at CRW. Garth Webb did a session with her for their PIC event last year. Will be submitting a proposal for our PIC event.
- Next year's conference will be in Burlington.
- Many board staff attended and helped out to make it happen.

New Business

- World Tour – Milena
 - ESL teacher (Ms. Ahrens) and secretary supported the every other year event
 - Staff would take on with support from the Council and Newcomers group
 - Tentative date: March 27
- Movie Night
- Newcomers Meeting Suggestions:
 - Loonie/Toonie fundraisers for the library
 - Bake Cake Sale
 - Silent Auction for items created in each class
 - CRW Newcomers Facebook group established and administered by the mentors
 - Post and remind of events

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.