

A.M. Cunningham

Parent Council

Minutes

Thursday December 2, 2015



In attendance:

Jodie Whitley, Chris Upshall, Sarah Coles, Amanda Rankin, Meghan Lloyd, Yvette Cowe, Scott MacLeod, Christy Cowan, Ms Penney.

Regrets:

Rebecca Redmond, Rebekah Roy, Melissa Crawford, Jacquie Reeds, Shannon Kotecki, Lauren McLean

1. Welcome & Bouquets

- Thank you to Mme Brooks-Bittle and Mrs Kotecki for their efforts with the Swim Team.
- Thanks to Sarah for her help with pizza days.
- Newsletter has included request for volunteers
- School Photos: Retakes have been done. Repeat business will depend on satisfaction with these photos.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Deferred till January meeting.

3. Principal's Report

- AMC community commended by Ms Penney for its generosity with food/clothing/toy donations for drives
- Festive Dinner: \$6 due 3 December. Includes hot meal with juice box.
- Christmas Tree of Warmth: donations of hats/mittens/scarves, toys, socks accepted by Kiwanis and the Notre Dame House
- Now available: Candygrams for purchase, and chance to enter draw for Gingerbread House
- Ms Penney discussed the possible formation of a Leadership Group, to be comprised of grade 4/5 students, with possible additions of grade 3 students. Meant to encourage leadership and responsibility in students who might be struggling.

- Singalong: Scheduled for 16 December. Glee Club to perform.
- Awards Assembly: 18 December.
- Strings Winter Concert scheduled for same night as Singalong.

4. Treasury Report

- No copies of accounting are available this evening.
- Swim Team took City bus to meet – therefore funds not used
- Hot chocolate has been purchased for Singalong
- \$500 Council money to be accounted for.

5. Samko Toy Sale

- Begins 3 Dec.
- Make sure receipt is stamped for AMC in order for funds to be received
- Reminders will be going home.

6. Winter Sing-a-long

- Hot chocolate has been purchased.
- Bring Your Own Mug
- Dare cookies will be available. Chris to purchase. Dare is selected because of its production in a peanut-free facility.
- Glee Club will be performing.
- Parent musicians slated to perform
- Reminder to go home.

7. Drives

- Reminder about the Sock Drive, to support Clothing Closet and-
Notre Dame House teen shelter
- Also food, toys and winter items

8. PRO grant

- Dundas Valley School of Art (DVSA) Parent Art Making
 - limit of 30 people, for 2hrs
 - cost: \$270 – includes materials
 - parents get creative, and discuss creative outlets for mental health
- Yoga Night – by Helena at In Fine Feather
 - parents only
 - childcare will be required (cost)
- Workshop with speaker
 - details to be determined
 - cannot take place in school
 - Ms Penney to email inquiry about Board speaker

- Another option: Meditation night at Determination Martial Arts (local – corner of Main & Huxley)

9. Fundraiser

- Update not available at this time.
- Possibility: push the event to the spring if no venue available to secure for February date
- Another possibility for a fundraiser: Dance-a-thon

Future Meeting Dates (all scheduled for Wednesdays)

- 3 February
- 9 March
- 13 April
- 25 May
- Will consider a June meeting if necessary