

Minutes

November 16th 2016 School Council Meeting (3:30-5:00)

Minutes of September and October passed.

Principals report: Continued Fireside chats

- Phonetic Awareness focus on Jr. students Math, visual and oral problem solving.
- Positive ' safe school climate, 15% students didn't have a caring adult within the school to contact or go to for help. Goal is get 90% (or all) students to have someone they can connect with.
- Another session in December to see where students were at.

Fundraising doing great. Frustration with getting boxes returned but generally going well.

Letter to go home when completed asking parents ideas on how they would like to see money spent.

- Survey Monkey suggested as idea to send online to parents.
- Level readers cost quite a bit, (\$12-\$15?) will need someone to look into exact costs. French more expensive.
- Larger goals requiring more money, can that be carried over to next year. More info needed.

Request made by parents online (Facebook page) for Wobble chairs or air cushions in the classrooms. Problem being there are 18 classrooms, and they are not inexpensive. \$30/ cushion, chair. More information required. They cannot be purchased for every student. Having only one or two may cause upset from other students.

Pro-Grant. Regrets Jacquie.

- nothing to report

Choir will be going to Juravinski, bussing by council. Approved

Mdm Hind request for council to help offset the cost of the 'Will Stroet concert.

- he is a bilingual children's entertainer, interactive with students. Show on CBC called Will's Jams
- \$600/ performance. 2 will be required due to size of gym. Mdm Hind negotiating for less. \$1000 in total.? Scheduled for November 25th 2016.
- first will be for younger grades and will be english only. 2nd to be in french for older grades
- question was posed; do we open this to families, voted and rejected.
- \$2.00 will be asked from students to pay, and school council will split the difference with Ms.Penney's school budget. Motion was made and passed.

Parents requesting information on student groups, ie: choir, swim team and cross country. No real communication on how to sign child up for different events.

Information for eligible grades and students should be going home in agenda bags.

Pub Night: Motion made and passed. Unanimous
Event will be April 29th.

Carol sing song set for December 15th. Will look into whether the gym can be used. Will be undergoing renovations starting end of December. Care-taking to get a date for us as to the start.

- volunteers needed. Hot chocolate and cookies to be provided. Motion made and passed.
- Unanimous vote.

- Look into Karma Candy, for alternate ideas

Stuff a sock drive ? Tara St.Jaques / Notre Dame House. Call out to all students and parents to help by sending in socks stuffed with hygiene products (ie deodorant, toothbrushes and past) Will run until Dec. 23rd. Printing to be done for poster created by Chris Upshall's daughter. Sarah will take responsibility to get posters printed. Motioned and approved by council, for go ahead and payment for posters.

School climate goals - Mrs Weston

- bullying how it effects all

- Just one wish, a non material wish. Students will write wishes on a star that will be posted in the front foyer, trophy box and wall. Wishes are read by students over the P.A during morning announcements.

** Request for Smart TV / monitor to buy. 32-40"

- to be placed on the wall beside trophy box, (front foyer)

- cost estimated \$400 for TV, mount \$100. Purchase during black Friday deals to get most bang for buck.

- Council will agree to pay up to \$650. Charlene motioned and 2nd Sonya. Voted unanimous. Passed.

Next meeting December 6th @ 6:30. Will be held in Library and child care will be available in the gymnasium.