

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** January 19, 2016

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Room 137

**In Attendance:** Riann Kinniburgh, Aunika Hinks, Sarah Prior, Sheila Haylock, Amy Townsend, Mandy MacLeod-Smith, Amanda Rankin, Jonathan Vita, Lisa Mullan

**Teacher Representative:** Marlene Weil

**Principal:** Gord Carey

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05pm
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
3. **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**
* November minutes approved by Mandy, seconded by Riann
1. **Principal’s Report**
* Mr. Carey is in his third week at Queensdale
* Has had a very positive welcome so far
* Queensdale is now part of a “family of schools”
* New superintendent: Laura Romano
* Staff meeting this week to focus on learning skills, etc.
* Implementing “Transforming Learning Everywhere”
* Gr. 4/5 have received class Ipad kits, and teachers have taken training to ensure they can use them as tools and not toys
* looking at “de-cluttering” with teachers
* 2 new classrooms are still under construction; no set date, but things are moving along well
* planning extra curricular programs and how to financially and resourcefully support programs for grade 8 next year
* also working on a plan to help grade 8’s in their transfer from grade 8 to high school
* scholars program is starting up (building student’s confidence and helping them prepare for EQAO testing) for grade 3 and 6 after school. It is a 10 week long program, 3 hours a week, focusing on literacy and numeracy
1. **Treasurer’s Report**
* See attached report
1. **Co-chair’s Report**
* Voted on and agreed to do 1 sub day and 1 pizza day every month; Aunika to oversee these day, and Mr. Carey to talk with teachers about collecting money and orders
* Spirit days set for the remainder of the year (See date section below)
* Book swap: check with other parents to see if anyone wants to oversee it. LOTS of books in Parent Council room in basement. Will discuss date at next meeting, after securing a person to run it
* Hot Dog day: to be held on the same day as book swap
* Cookie grams (Valentine’s Day): Amy will organize. Handout date Feb. 12. Parent Council will pay for cookies for any student that does not receive one.
* \*Follow-up; cookies will be sold for $1. Notice going home this week or next.
* Parking/Picking up children from Prince George area safety issue: Mr. Carey is standing at driveway in morning, telling parents there is no parking on that side of the street. Looking into fence to go around the staff parking lot as well.
1. **Updates:**
* Green Apple Grant: applied for by Riann in November. Granted $1000 by Metro to use for apple program. Mandy to do follow up report with pictures and description.
* Christmas Store: Successful on all accounts: great volunteers, teachers, students, and staff. Will need a bigger committee next year due to size of school increasing.
* Rocks and Rings: booked by Riann and taking place January 27 and 28. Parent Council is paying for Grades 1-7 to take part in this program
* FDK: Aunika looking into bringing in a Scientist or Dinosaur Man for FDK in lieu of Rocks and Rings
* Sarah looking into Bay Area Restoration Council free program for school; will follow up next month
* Samko Fundraiser: Aunika has handed in all receipts, and received about $110 from Samko in fundraising.
* Interim Nutrition Program: Stefanie and Aunika continue to supply and stock as needed. Teachers are aware of the program, and utilizing it with students that need it.
* Musical Update: regrets sent by Stef, will update next month.
* Fundraising ideas: how to accommodate Sr’s: sport jerseys, etc.

-voted and agreed to buy 4 gym benches at $300 each plus tax from Parent Council funds

-music department needs new chairs/desks for music/French class

----Gord looking into and applying for Art Funds grant to help subsidize

 ---discussed and tabled until next month

1. **Future to do’s/Discussions:**
* Fun Fair
* Spending Fundraising money
1. **Teacher’s Report**

FDK (Tunstead, Morin, Cecillioni) classes are learning about measurement and doing snow, ice inquiry.

Grade 6/7 (Blanchette and Stringer) are presenting lyrics inferencing projects on PIC collage/youtube. Data management for both grades, and analyzing data.

Grade 4/5 (Carr) are learning data management in Math – stem-leaf/broken line.

In Science they are finishing up rocks and minerals, and energy.

 In language they are doing Public Service Announcements.

 Grade 5/6 (Flewelling) are learning about research, biographies, and speech.

DHOH (Rossi) are working on questioning before, during, and after a read aloud.

Grade 2/3 (Asrani) are learning measurement in both grades, and gr. 2 are learning liquids and solids, gr. 3 learning forces.

Grade 1 / 2 (Mogavero) is learning patterning in math; daily 5 and making inferences in language; and in science gr. 1 is working on daily and seasonal changes, while gr. 2 is looking at air and water

Grade 1: (Thomson) is doing a review of numbers to 50, patterning, and addition in math. In language they are retelling stories and doing story writing.

French/Music (Grechulk, Robertson, Honeyman): Unit on daytime activities and completing monthly calendars.

Grade ¾ (Novosad): booking Jr. trip to science fair; given 6 ipads as part of ipad kit rollout.

Gym (Martin): floor hocky

LRT (Weil): ALA-CART

1. **Dates to Remember:**

Pizza days: Feb. 5; March 4; April 8; May 6

Sub days: Feb. 19; Thurs. March 24; April 22; May 20

Spirit days:

* Feb 12: Red/White/Pink Day
* March 11: Green Day
* April 1: Crazy Day
* May 13: Backwards Day
* June 8: Ice Cream/Treat Day/ Beach day

-Amy to take care of, and order frozen yogurt

 Cookiegram day: Feb. 12

 Fun fair: June 3; \*to be confirmed by Gord

**11. Meeting Adjourned:** 7:41pm