



Queensdale School Council

Date: October 17, 2016

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Library

In Attendance: Amanda MacLeod- Smith, Jennifer Iscoe, Heather Taylor, Sarah Warry-Poljanski, Leigh Wilson, Christine Timmins, Jayne Jennings, Mark Simpson, Susan Griffin, Meaghan Currie, Rachel Kostuk, Stefanie Sheils, Amy Townsend, Leanne Friesen, Lisa VanKeulen, Sarah Prior, Charlotte Garay, Shelia Haylock

Community Representative: Julie Jacobs

Prinicpal: Mr. Gord Carey

Teacher: Mr. Chris Fazzari

Call to Order: 6:12

Welcome and Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions to Agenda:

Add Teachers' Report from Mr. Fazzari

2. Approval of Minutes

A. September 20, 2016

Edits and Additions:

Change to Charlotte's name - R instead of V in her name

Item 7: Riann K applied for green apple grant

B. October 3, 2016

No Edits or Additions

Moved by Sarah Prior and seconded by Mandy MacLeod-Smith to accept the Agenda and Minutes as amended - Passed.

3. Council Membership

A. Additional Voting Members - Leigh Wilson, Jennifer Iscoe, Meaghan Currie

B. Election of Secretary - Leanne Friesen nominated

Moved by Mandy MacLeod-Smith and seconded by Sheila Haylock to accept Leigh Wilson, Jennifer Iscoe, Meaghan Currie as voting members.

Moved by Sarah Prior and seconded by Sarah Warryt-Poljanski to elect Leanne Friesen as secretary.

4. Constitution Update

Constitution is not ready to come for approval yet. Hope to have it ready for next meeting

5. Council meeting Dates and Times for 2016/17

Moved by Sarah Prior and seconded by Amy Townsend that school council meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 6 pm, with the exception of the statutory holiday on February 20, when the meeting will move to February 13.

(Following the meeting a conflict in the April Meeting was found with Easter Monday on April 17; meeting will move to April 10)

6. Principal's Report

- Progress reports will be going home soon (Nov 2) - not an actual report card.
- Will focus on specific criteria.
- Parents will know ahead of time if children are "progressing with difficulty." Parents do not need to panic, but are encouraged to have a conversation with their teacher. With time and supports in place, we hope for children to move to progressing well.
- Teachers have been asked to comment on all of the learning skills. Most students will not be at "excellent."
- Parent interviews will be the Thursday and Friday after progress reports are delivered.
- Middle school teachers will be in the gym so that parents can go between teachers of different subject areas.
- Transition after the shuffle has gone well. Classes are much smaller. All the grade fives are getting a music period every week. Taking down chairs and tables makes it possible to provide instrumental program for grade fives.

7. Treasurer's Report - Amy Townsend

Report is accurate within about \$200, due to the money from t-shirts from the open house.

Many open accounts have now been closed.

There is hope to make some changes to how the accounts are run in order to have more access to funds throughout the year.

Goal will be to not have expenses carried over from year to year.

Goal is within 30 days of an event or purchase that funds are paid for - goal is to get receipts more quickly.

First apples purchase has not come out yet.

Added Item. Teacher's report - Mr. Fizzari

Speaking to situation of transitioning to a JK- Grade 8 school.

On Thursday, the grade eights are going to the Museum of Steam and Technology.

Organizing a end of year grade eight trip to Camp Wanaketa.

Continuing with instrumental music program for grades five - eight.

Also planning for graduation. It will be held at Queensdale.

8. Pizza and Sub Days

Pizza and sub days will be looked after by grade sevens and eights.

Forms MUST be in on time. Late forms cannot be accepted due to the increased size of the school.

One pizza and sub day per month, once scheduled will send out plan for full year.

Will look into getting forms posted on website.

9. Samko Fundraiser

We will do the Samko fundraiser again this year - Stefanie will register.

10. Parents Reaching Out Grants workshops

We have received a \$1000 Parent Engagement grant from the Ministry of Education to host two workshops designed and delivered by or Youth Coach Global. Please look at attachment and at the next meeting we will decide together which ones to do.

11. Movie Night

Movie night will be Finding Dory on November 25 at Mount Hamilton Baptist Church. Families will have to sign up ahead of time due to space issues.

We will put out boxes to make a donations to volley ball net.

Collect canned goods.

12. Priorities and Events 2016/17

Does anyone have ideas of things to consider?

- "Fright Night," like Earl Kitchener
- "Art Opening" - selling kids art
Sarah Prior will look into doing this in the later winter/spring.
- "Mocktails and Canvas"
- Maker's Market during Holidays
- Movie night outside in the spring?
- Cookbooks - prices vary. Can be made for \$4, sold for \$12.
Amy Townsend is going to coordinate a recipe book. She will be forming a subcommittee.

13. Subcommittees

- A. Outdoor Classroom
Presentation from Sarah Prior. Email and web request to look for interest in joining committee. Intended to be a collaboration of parents, teachers, students and community.
- B. Parent Engagement
Postponed to next meeting
- C. Christmas store will be looking for input on how to incorporate the holidays and traditions of other cultures and will be deciding on a more inclusive name.

14. Other Business

Popcorn sales? Amy to report back on cost vs. revenue of popcorn sales. Current stock on hand to be checked for expiry dates.

15. Next Meeting November 21

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

