

Viscount Montgomery School Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

In Attendance: Josie Dalley, Ginny Hoage, Erin Lewis, Tammy Harrison, Christy Wright, Janeen VanWort, Jane Wakil, Kim Kingston, Giselle Pacifici, Samantha Weston, Jennifer Marshall, McMaster Nursing students (2)

Regrets: Niki Graham

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Ginny Hoage

Agenda was accepted with no additions.

Fundraisers/Goals: Last year the poinsettias raised approximately \$2500. We would like to do these again but have heard that McMillian's has already been booked. Mrs Dalley will look in to it and let everyone know. Spring Fling raised approximately \$1100 which was lower than past years but weather was not good so we had low attendance. Coupon fundraiser did not go well; only raised around \$165 but it was running at the same time as McMillian's last year. We currently have about \$9000 in funds raised, we need to decide what to do with that money.

Maple Leaf Project: We need to get students to help put leaves on the fence. Mrs Dalley noted that there are fence repairs to be done then afterwards the leaves can be put on.

Principal's Report:

Thank-you to all the volunteers and staff in attendance. Commitment to school is appreciated.

Start of the Year: So far the year is off to a good start. There seems to be a good vibe in the school. This year we decided to split the recess where grades 1-4 go out then the grades 5-8 go outside. This seems to be going well; its easier to do yard duty and there are fewer kids in the lobby when recess is done. We have developed a positive school pledge and a positive school committee. Our "Gotchas" will focus on reinforcing the pledge.

Staffing: We have quite a few new staff members; teachers, LRT and 2 new EAs. It is uncertain at this time if we will be needing any class reorganizations.

Construction: Construction should be completed early October. There was another portion of grant money allotted in early August and more improvements were added. Kinder classrooms will be getting sound-proofing. Lighting in classrooms improved. The stairs will be covered but this has been delayed until after the other improvements are completed as the workers still need access to the downstairs area.

EQAO: We will be looking at the EQAO results and coming up with an action plan. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Technology: We have some very old computers in the school which we are looking to replace. We have gotten more tech tubs, there are now approximately 6-12 iPads per class.

Physical Activity: Mr Dodds is now full time PE teacher. He will be focusing on getting better equipment and each class will have PE twice per week

Library/Learning Commons: Mrs Staats is the new librarian. She is focusing on removing older books that have not been signed out in quite some time and replacing them with new books. She is also working on making the library a more inviting space: Lego wall, better furniture etc.

Meeting Schedule: Second Thursday of every month; October 12, November 9, December 14 (social), January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 (no meeting, Spring Fling), June 12 (social)

Other Business:

Discussion around Spring Fling: Mrs Dalley requested that we ensure there is a gap between the end of the school day and the beginning of Spring Fling. Last year a few students stayed at the school and did not get on bus and go home first. We need to make sure all students go home first and come back with a parent. Janeen requested that we get a donation letter ready in December so that she can go out to request donations early in the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47