

SCHOOL COUNCIL/HOME AND SCHOOL MINUTES April 18, 2018

PRESENTER	AGENDA ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Laura	Review and approval of minutes	Last month's minutes approved: Natasha daSilva, Daniel Cordovani Tonight's agenda approved: Jennifer Walson and Jane McNally	
Laura	Bennetto, French Immersion Transition Advisory Committee Update	Final meeting review - June 6 is the Bennetto Open House and June 19 Kids will be bussed to Bennetto for a fun orientation day. Benetto is receiving a new playground this year. School Board will be communicating with families soon. Information will also be passed on for before and after care.	
Laura	Family Math Night: Debrief	Went well. Creative Club Team was great. Kids enjoyed the evening was geared to Grades 1-4 but Kinders and Grade 5 kids had fun too. Was a challenge to set-up and take down. Stations kept running out of lego or not enough base plates. Was not seamless and had some chaos.	
Laura	2018-2019 PRO Grant	We have had good past success obtaining \$1,000. Application deadline is June 5. Options: Telling Tales Event (could include authors for 2 age groups) or Math/STEM event (Creative Club or other group). Telling Tales as a strong possibility - will confirm at meeting in May.	
Laura	PIC Update	Volunteer Night was today. Laura and Jane went briefly before Council. Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Province did not fund Sir John A MacDonald Proposal (was suggested to put Strathcona and Hess School). Board planning to try again after election ● Math - School Board is developing Math website to support Grades 1-8 learning as well as parent resources. Will pilot program in 3 schools. Will be available to public in September. 	

Richelle	Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bathrooms - 1st and 2nd floor will be retiled over the summer. Stalls be evaluated for replacement. ● Graffiti is happening on school property. Climbers and school wall. It is being cleaned off as soon as possible. ● Human growth and development - letter goes home to be signed off. Copies of what will be distributed to students will be available in office if parents want to review it before child receives it. ● Grade 4 and 5 do online survey about safety, bullying etc. - letter will be going home to parents to explain details. 	
Jennifer	Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everyone is appreciative of the money home and school is spending. Thank you. ● Volunteer Tea will be May 8 - morning, after entry. ● Choirfest is for grades 3, 4 and 5 is happening May 15. ● Choir / Band concert in gym on June 6. ● Jump rope for Heart May 31. ● Track meet - June 22 (rain date is June 25). 	
Lori	Online Reading Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Started with discussion about kids being in dual track and requiring books going home. This is an option to supplement the existing reading program. Options has books available for all levels. Gives families many more options for reading materials. ● Feedback from parents is that not all teachers are rolling out the program the same way and Ipad does not allow for finger pointing. 	

Next Meeting is May 15, School Council 7pm

HOME AND SCHOOL AGENDA NOTES

Welcome the new VP Nancy, comes from Dundas Area Schools

Nutrition Program / Lunch Lady

- Going to keep some snacks in fridge but the nutrition program is finished for the 2017/18 year. Mainly fruit (apples and clementines).
- \$1200 left in nutrition program, but we will be expected to use that next year
- Need to determine who will cover cost of extra fruit.
- Spent \$7,000 this year. Approximately \$1150 per month.
- New application goes to Tastebuds in June. Funding is dependant on numbers and we will be notified in September as to how much we will get.
- Tastebuds recommends doing fundraising at our school to raise extra money for program.
- Lunch Lady has generated some funding
- Milk is expensive \$0.56 per unit. Should we reintroduce a 5 day milk program? Did generate an extra \$1,000 per year when it was a seperate program.
- Program is asking for teacher feedback on food choices.
- Breakfast on the Beach - is a fundraiser from Tastebuds. They are asking if we would consider putting a silent auction basket together. Sign up is April 30.

*After budget discussion with Gay, we decided to spend \$100 on gift basket for Tastebuds, and allocated \$300 to cover fruit to supplement kids' lunches when necessary for the rest of the year

Open House Update

- Scholastic - Drops off book fair material Tuesday April 24 and gets picked up May 1; Set-up the morning of the book fair
- Great advice: confirm a debit machine is required in lots of time.
- Spiritwear is going to be sold - need a volunteer to run the table. Forms must be sent to school with child so no order forms will be accepted the night of open house; no markups on spiritwear
- There is \$1000 available from "kickbacks" from previous spirit wear sales; we approved teachers' request to use this money for team shirts for athletics program competition. These shirts will belong to the school.

Book Swap

- **Needs a date - traditional date is end of May. Chose May 25. EQAO will be going on but it has in the past as well.**
- **Kindergarten area worked well last year and is also approved for this year**
- **Will ask Ryerson for book donations. Will also ask about the other feeder schools (don't want Ryerson to only donate to our events). Jennifer will speak to Ryerson Parent Council on Thursday.**
- **Need volunteers to help sort books and then parent volunteers for the day.**
- **Flyer will go out to parents next week**
- **Jenny B is going to talk to Max's Big Ride family to ask about a combination fundraiser (freezie sale).**

Spending

- **Budget was distributed (attachment)**
- **New request: Fold up peddlers (\$150), Kevin Sylvester books for Library (\$300), 2 Donna and Andy concerts on May 7 (\$400), Staff Appreciation, June 1 (\$300), Grade 5 Grad (\$300). We have now spent/allocated all the fundraising money!**
- **Nutrition Program - approve \$300 now to spend on fruit for fridge**
- **Consider using milk and pizza proceeds next year to supplement the Tastebuds funding - to be discussed at next meeting.**