

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lori Cherwaty, *Co-Chair*

Hannah Poon, *Co-Chair*

Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*

Stephanie Lostanaw-Lavin, *Treasurer*

John Leyzer, *Acting Principal*

Amanda Vernon, *Teacher*

Brenda Millar

Stephanie Hurley

Abby Robertson

Elyse Palmer

Kimiye Nishizalu

Amanda Whalen

Meeting called to order by H. Poon at 6:30 pm

- Minutes from the September. 18, 2018 meeting approved: B. Millar, S. Lostanaw-Lavin, all in favour.

BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

UPCOMING MEETING DATES REVIEWED:

2018: November 14, no December meeting.

2019: January 16, February 13, April 10, May 8, June 12.

FORTINOS FUEL-FOR-KIDS FUNDRAISER, OCTOBER 16th

- Charity BBQ to be held at Fortinos with special appearance by Dave the Racecar Driver.
- Thank you to L. Cherwati and A. Carvalho for organizing and preparing the event.
- Many people have signed up to volunteer, but more volunteers are still needed.
- There will be no bake sale, to prevent allergy concerns.
- Several raffle donations have come in incl. a day with Dave the Racecar Driver.
- Volunteers are needed to pick up prize donations before the event; H. Poon volunteered.
- 1 or 2 folding tables are needed at the event; E. Palmer will bring.

PIZZA PROGRAM

- Pizza lunch program is now up and running, will go live online on Monday.

MOVIE NIGHT

- Movie night is confirmed for November 9th. Permit has been obtained.

MILK PROGRAM

- A. Vernon's students will pick up the bags after delivery to each class, each milk day.
- Chocolate milk was delivered 10 short. Supplier made the mistake and will reimburse/replace.
- Complaint made that the fridge isn't locked.
- H. Poon will count the milk when it is delivered, to ensure proper count.

NEW BUSINESS:

JUNIOR MATH AND ROBOTICS CLUB

- Start club to help raise overall interest in Math through fun activities, especially with the older kids.
- Will have a strong team-work focus.
- Will include a Programming component.
- H. Poon will organize the club, and a parent has expressed interest in volunteering to run it.
- Program will begin in November, on days 2, at nutrition break.
- A Harry Potter logic puzzle will be the first activity.
- An announcement will be made soon to generate interest.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF NEW VOLUNTEERS

- Discussion held around holding an event to bring in new volunteers; coffee social after morning drop-off?
- Parent Council newsletter to be created, to inform families of Council events and initiatives, and to encourage volunteering.
- Discussion held around ensuring that parents see the difference between School and Council events/fundraising.
- Website needs to be updated, and families need to know when it has been. Discussion around agenda stickers as notification tool.
- Discussion held around Council holding information sessions for parents, and introducing volunteering from there.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON OCTOBER 22nd

- Polling station will be at James MacDonald; policy in place to ensure safety of students.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Lostenaw-Lavin

See attached Financial Report for account balances.

- Popcorn and Pita lines have been removed from the budget report, per S. Lostenaw-Lavin's request.
- Nevada license has been renewed.
- Profits from the Fuel for Kids fundraiser will be split between the School and Council.

TEACHER'S REPORT: A. Vernon

- Gr. 3-6 Cross-Country was a success.
- 1000 laps were run as a school for Terry Fox; volunteers needed to count the pledge money totals.
- Best Buy's Geek Squad event was a big success; grades 4-6 took part in 3-D Design and Printing, Coding, Garage Band and HTML Programming.
- MADD is coming in January to present "Smart Wheels" to grades 4-6.
- Learning through the Arts includes math through visual arts, social studies through drama, etc. Three classes will be involved, maybe five if funding allows. Ongoing program that compliments the curriculum.
- Teachers are currently working on progress reports, going home at the end of October.
- Current School Trustee Dawn Danko will be coming in to discuss the Elections, and the School Trustee role, with students.
- Teachers still discussing the JMac "branding" using school pride initiatives; positive school culture, safety, kindness and self-control.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Principal Leyzer

BUDDY BENCH: ARMOUR STONES

- Discussion held around a possible Buddy Bench and the risk for vandalism.
- Agreed that Armour Stones are a better choice; also opens opportunity for a "friendship garden", meditation area, outdoor classroom, nature activities, etc.
- d4 stones in Kindergarten area, 10 in main schoolyard.
- Cost of 14 Armour Stones with mulch surrounding is \$4,294.
- Possibility of asking nursery to donate trees? Hold fundraiser for trees, garden, etc?
- Include members from Gourley Park in the planning; possible contributors for other garden items?
- Mr. Leizer will discuss location teachers, and form a planning committee.

VOTE: Council approves up to \$4,500 for Armour Stones for the Kindergarten area and the main playground, and mulch. H. Poon, L. Cherwaty, all in favour. Passed.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

- \$649 for Line painting per last Council meeting's discussions, plus lines for class lineups, basketball key, boundary line, wall-ball targets, and an activity for the kindergarten area.

EQAO SCORES

- Grade 6 EQAO math scores are concerning; focus will be put on encouraging math learning, reviewing math teaching.

ACTION ITEMS:

- H. Poon to pick up Fuel for Kids prize packages prior to the event.
- E. Palmer will bring 1 or 2 folding tables to the Fuel for Kids event.
- A. Vernon's students to pick up milk bags after classroom delivery, each milk day.
- H. Poon to count milk upon delivery.
- Mr. Leizer to discuss Armour Stones location with teachers, and form a planning committee incl. member(s) from Gourley Park.

Meeting Adjourned by L. Cherwaty at 7:54 pm. All in Favour.

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:30pm
on Wednesday, November 14th, in the James MacDonald School Library**