

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ON November 20, 2018 @ 6:00 pm in the music room

Present: **Josie Robertson, Co-Chair Jelica Vlatkovic, Co-Chair Pauline Boulos, Co-Chair and Treasurer, Rhonda Moules, Acting Principal, Karoline Hempseed, Teacher, Carly Schilthuis, Teacher, Evelyn Amoah, Teacher, Louise Thompson, Teacher, Angela Larson, Shannon-Leigh Chandler, Kim Baker, Windy Schilling, Anna Kozlowski, Ruby Brar, Carmen Morales, Song Bui, Nicole Sheehan Danielle Randazzo, Tricia Voisin, Amanda Brander, Nadia Melfi-Moscarella, Pamela Jean-Bokma, Natasa Popovic, Jim Pollack**

Regrets- Caitlin Evans- Vice Principal and Carolyn Reid- Secretary

Motion to move meeting time to 6:30pm from 6:00 pm. Decision to commence at 6:15pm passed.

MINUTES

Minutes approved Shannon Leigh Chandler and Angela Larson

PRINCIPAL/ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Norwood's sad event of a student death on November 2nd was discussed. As a result the Critical Incident Response Team was on site for two days and available all week for students and staff. The school is honouring the privacy of the family and therefore the student's name was not put on the website. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday November 23, 2018 to further discuss memorialization guidelines.

Last year's fundraised funds have been used for the following items and cost: \$ 4,440.90 was spend on ipads, \$395.39 for ipad cases, \$3,877.87 for levelled readers for grade 1 and 2 Core English 3,877.87. The remaining funds of \$3,877.87 needs to be spent and the principal is looking to spend on more levelled readers for older grades.

From the school budget, Math for Primary grades has also been ordered and 6 laptops

Staff changes and updates were:

Heather Anderson left for maternity leave on Nov. 2nd/18. Lindsey Huckson started as LTO for Heather on Nov. 5th and Hannah Young started in .2 prep coverage on the same date.

Catherine Higgins grade 6/7 returned Nov. 12th and Paula Burrows finished. Madame Vrgoc has been on leave for 3 weeks now. A French speaking supply teacher is in the role. Cheryl Diogo is an LTO assistant office admin until further notice.

Rhonda Moules is permanent Principal.

On the last school days of 2018 before Holiday break there will be two movies shown in the gym. Kernel popcorn will be available.

Abby Sayer-Bernal is the Mental Health "WE Help" school rep. Free on-line homework review and assistance. Grade 8s visited Sherwood Secondary school- aka Saints Day.

Heat and A/C issue

Anna Kowalaski presented her petition for the air conditioning issue. She updated council with correspondence and response. Paul Denomme rejected Anna's request to install air conditioning at Norwood from fundraised funds citing such renovations are deemed capital cost expenditures which falls under the jurisdiction of the school board. The intolerable heat during May, June and September has caused students, parents and teaching staff concern as to the necessity of staying cool and ensuring learning can be productive. The argument of equity was also stated, as all schools should be on the platform. Either all schools should have air conditioning or no school should have it. New school have been built with air conditioning and Anna has suggested older schools need to have the same accommodation. Council unanimously agreed to write a letter on behalf of School Council to Paul Denomme, the school board, superintendent, and school Trustee, Dawn Denko. Ana received an email from Ms. Denko that she will be looking into the issue.

School council report-

The French Book scholastic fair has been scheduled for February 20, 2019- bonus rewards month)

Fundraising idea suggested that KFC popcorn chicken replace hotdogs. Council declined the suggestion

Ideas how to spend 2018/19 school council funds was out. Some ideas were literacy, music, all in one scanner/printer.

TREASURER'S report

Presented by Pauline Boulos

Book fair made \$5,126.72 over three days of sale, but most of the sales were made in two days. Net profit of \$3,337.50 will be sent by Scholastics to the school and the funds to be spent on literacy, with teachers deciding in which grades to spend the funds.

Subway commences on November 21 with a total of 101 orders. Net profit was \$195.25. Some parents voiced that the time of order was cut off and they could not order on school cash online. It was discussed to extend the cut off time and send reminders might increase the number of orders.

HOLIDAY lunch-

Coming up on December 13, 2018. Orders form were distributed. Payment needs to be done on school cash on line by December 04, 2018. Cost is \$7.50 per order. It was unanimously accepted that only those that pay for the lunch would receive a meal, with the exception if a student was identified and unable to pay but wanted to participate. Nicola's catering will be preparing the turkey, stuffing, etc as the traditional meal, and a vegetarian pasta dish will be offered also catered by Nicola's. A number of subgroups will be created to have council members or other parents in the community lead different parts of the event such as volunteers, entertaining, clean up and set up. There will be three seatings again this year which will be scheduled so they don't conflict with break time.

Carnival has been set for February 15 2019

Meeting ended at 7:18 pm . Next meeting date adjourned by Josie Robertson to Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the music room.

Minutes prepared by Jelica Vlatkovic.