



School Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

In attendance: Don, Shanda, Norm, Reca, Heather, Tammy

Regrets: Desiree, Bonnie, Kaitlyn and anyone else

Acceptance of minute's from May SC meeting: Motioned by: Norm, Seconded by: Heather

Principal's / Teacher's Report:

- There is no teacher's report from Katie due to job action.
- Tammy applied for Student Support Grants for 25-30 students. Each student received \$200 that was to be spent on specific basic need items. Most of the money was used for clothes.
- \$611.44 of the Larch Donation was used for clothing and \$48.56 was given to the Nutrition Program on January 13, 2020.
- \$200.00 was donated to the Nutrition Program by the Buchanan Lodge 550 AF&AM on January 13, 2020.
- 5 Costco sized boxes of cheerios were donated by Don Mallette in November.
- Rousseau School donated winter coats to the school in November.
- Spring Valley School donated 14 bags of coats, boots, mitts, hats, Halloween Costumes
- The roof was completely redone. Flooring in 5 rooms was replaced.
- There have been several used book donations made to the school. Donna from the board is to be cataloguing these hopefully soon.
- Don and Tammy applied to Charity of Hope prior to Christmas for a grant. They were denied. They were asked to meet this week to discuss the grant requests. Since they were turned down, many of the needs were met in different manners. Therefore the "wish list" has changed. They are now hoping to ask for \$1000.00 for each of the following; musical instruments, technology, books, and the Nutrition Program.

New Business:

Christmas Holiday Assembly:

These assemblies are not a given within a school. Teacher's use their instructional time to prepare for them. With the ongoing job action, this would not be something they could do as there is an administrative component to holding one.

The dance team was practicing for the Christmas Assembly but didn't get to perform and some of the children were upset by this.

Tammy had spoken with staff and encouraged them to not be starting groups/activities that could be stopped or postponed with the job actions within the school. There are 5 unions represented at Richard Beasley.

Polls for students not happy?

It was determined that this was actually around the Positive Climate Data. Every two years the grade 4 and 5 students are asked to complete an anonymous survey provided by the board. This information is used at the first PA Day to help establish the direction of the school climate.

\$660 donated by Larch and East Side Marios. Was the money spent? Thank you cards sent?

\$260 was donated by the Larch Volunteers

\$400.00 was donated by a Larch Volunteer who works at East Side Marios in Niagara Falls. His colleagues collected the money.

This money was used to help purchased clothing for children in need at the school.

Other possible fundraising ideas:

- Going to Indigo for another evening there. Taking part in a shopping night again. Also looking at the Adopt a School or the Love of Reading Grant.
- Don was hoping to approach Giant Tiger in March to see if they would collect funds for the school.

Nutrition Program:

- Reca has been running the program on her own with some limited help from the volunteers from Tastebuds. Don Mallette has volunteered to help out.
- Reca has been donating a box of Shreddies every week since the program started.
- Cheerio Drives will begin in February starting with the JK/SK rooms, March grades 1&2, April grades 3&4 and grade 5 in May.

Treasurer Report:

Kaitlyn was not at the meeting tonight but sent some financial information around School Council Fundraisers/Purchases. There is some confusion regarding the negative beginning balance, what SC Fundraiser means (is it the Terra Greenhouse), where is the records of the pizza day monies collected for the 5 or 6 days that were held. This is a new position on council and therefore a learning curve is underway. Kaitlyn and Tracy Roketta will look at the financial status and hopefully a chart outlining what was earned and or spent could be provided possibly in a cleaner manner for the next meeting. The Terra Fundraiser had a profit of \$558.00.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2020 @ 6pm in the school library