

Viscount Montgomery
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2022
6:00 PM

In Attendance: Ginny Hoage (Chair), Danny Fede, Gisella Pacifici, Lauren Kozic, Erin Lewis, Deb Fleming, Brittaney Freeman

Regrets: Janeen VanWort

Ginny opened the meeting by welcoming all members

No old business.

Open Issues:

- Pizza Days – Will be starting next week, October 7. Last year we had some reliable grade 8 students help and it worked well. We will still need parent volunteers to help and supervise the students (double check math, call in order etc.).
- Fundraising – Mr. Fede will need to submit a report to the Board by October 30 outlining our fundraising goals for the year and where the money will be allocated. We brainstormed a few ideas and will do an email vote mid October to give time for Mr. Fede to complete his report. Ideas were as follows: Spring Fling, Krispy Kreme donuts, Bake Sale, McMillian food (this will be happening for such in November), Kernels Popcorn, Paint Night (charge a fee), Sell Pop on Pizza Days (only when permitted under the Board's allowed non-nutritional days).
- Trips (Year End) – Some parents were concerned that not all classes got a trip last year. Mr. Fede noted that Board rules for trips have changed and they are only allowed if they meet curriculum. For example a trip to Wonderland would not be approved.

Principals Report:

- We have a new superintendent; Simon Goodacre.
- Reorganization – A newsletter was sent out earlier this week that we will be reorganizing a few classes. Any students directly affected by this reorganization will be notified in a letter going home tomorrow. Changes to classrooms will be: closing the 1/2 class and making it a grade 2 class, the grade 5 class will become a 5/6, and the 6/7 will be closed and a remote 7/8 class is being created.
- Newsletter – A reminder that the newsletter is posted to the website and an email notification will be sent out. Please ensure to subscribe the email notifications
- Health and Safety – We did a fire drill yesterday. The first drill is announced (staff and students know), the next 2 will be a surprise. We are also required to do other drills during the year; Hold and Secure, Lockdown etc.
- Fundraising – was already discussed
- School Focus – Staff are using the first 6 weeks of the school year on Reimagining Wellness. Each teacher must spent a minimum of 30 minutes, 3 times per day on this. Teachers are also ensuring these lessons are related to curriculum
- Safe School – Mental Health and Wellbeing are very important. Last year we had each student take a survey to see how many students can identify at least 1 caring adult (teacher, support staff etc.) within the school. It is important that every student has at least 1 adult in the school they feel comfortable talking to. All staff are encouraged to do daily things to show students they care and can be trusted.

- Student Focus – K to 6 will be focusing on reading; 7 and 8 will focus on high school transition.
- School Focus – Staff will be helping students with the Learning Skills outlined on the report cards. For example, teachers will talk about organization and give guidance on how to stay organized.
- Universal Design for Learning – We will be working on allowing students to work more with devices and strategies used for students with IEP. If it works for those students it could help all students. This will also take some of the focus off of the students who require the extra help. Students with IEP will not stand out as much for needing an iPad if more of the other students are also using them.

New Business

- Bus Loading/Unloading – It was asked if the location would be changing. Mr. Fede noted that since this has to do with traffic flow it is a city decision. The city analyzed the current location and determined it would be better to have busses in front of the school. However, there are a few things that need to take place before this can happen; signs need to be moved, need a more direct path from bus to kindergarten area. Nothing more has been said by the city on how this will proceed.

Tentative date for next meeting will be October 24.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM