

Parent Council - November 24, 2015

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Angela Gamble, Jaime Demsey, Kelly DeCoppel, Kelly Wildi, Sherry Davidson, Nicole Wells, Ashley Sayers,

Call to order: 6:00 Helene

- Minutes from October Approved (Nicole Wells)
- Helene attended WRAPSC and PIC Director's Town Hall on Nov 12th (It was an opportunity to learn from and share with parent council chairs and principals from other schools)
- A school in the community has asked for assistance with their Christmas hamper program. Since we had discussed giving to another school in our district at our last meeting we had a brief conversation and voted to donate \$300 towards this cause. This will be communicated at Movie night and in the information home about the December week of giving
- Chromebooks update - Helene read the excerpts of the e-mail from Stephen Coe
- He has requested 20 Chromebooks (just over \$6000), and a charging cart (approx \$1000) - we will table the discussion about this until after the treasurer's report

Principal Report: On Behalf of Joe (by Sherry)

- Due to supply principal and pension regulations Joe can only stay as the interim principal until Nov 30th
- Jeff Parliament will be the new interim principal beginning Dec 1 - he was previously the principal at Edna Stabler (he retired just last June)
- Joe has enjoyed being involved with the JS community for the last three months, and thanked everyone for being so easy to work with
- Clubs and activities are beginning to resume since teacher job action has ended

Vice Principal Report: Sherry Davidson

- grade 8 information sessions have begun as grade 8's begin to look at their options for high school
- applications for magnet programs are due by January - grade 8 course selection will be completed by the end of February

Teacher Report: Angela Gamble and Jaime Demsey

- Teacher work action was resolved on November 10th and teachers can resume regular duties as per our Collective Agreement.
- November 12th was hot dog day and bus evacuation training day.
- Our Remembrance Day Assembly was held on November 11th. Many children participated in the singing and performing at the assembly. It was attended by grades 1-8 as well as the greater school community.
- On November 12th, some of the grade threes participated in a structures presentation in the library to support their science unit.
- Our first PD Day was on November 13th. We attended a staff meeting regarding our School Success Plan as it pertains to the Board-wide plan for student achievement. In the afternoon, teachers worked on progress reports and teacher-directed learning. Many conducted parent teacher interviews if they were deemed necessary by the teacher or were requested by parents.

- Grades 2-5 participated in a comic drawing tutorial by a comic tour group on November 17th.
- Wear pink day for anti bullying awareness week was held on November 21st.
- There was a small performance for the Kindergarten classes on this day. Performers from the Remembrance Day Assembly performed their musical selections.
- Picture retake day was November 23rd.
- Talent Show Auditions are being held November 24 & 25th.
- Crazy Hair and Hat day is on November 27th.
- Movie Night is at 6:30pm on November 27th.

Sports: volleyball and ongoing intramurals

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 30/Dec 1 is Kindie Vision Screening

Dec 2 Spirit Wear fittings

Dec 4 Hot dog day and Colour House Assembly

Dec 9&10 Talent Show

Dec 7-11 Week of Giving

Dec 11 Carolling in the gym

Dec 16 Erick Traplin visiting period 1 and 2 for Kindies

Dec 17th Primary concert (6:10-7:15)

Dec 18 PJ Day. Last day of school!!

Treasurer Report: Kelly DeCoppel

Overview:

Carry over from last year = \$21 500

Move athon = \$6587.13

11300 - pizza and hot dog lunches

Moving forward \$24 000 - \$17 000 is designated to be spent as per last meeting

We want to leave \$3000 as a balance - vote occurred and passed to leave this a minimum balance

That leaves us with about \$4100 after the \$300 we passed today to give to the Christmas Hampers

For a more detailed outline please [click on here](#) to see the full report.

Chromebook and cart request was formally considered. Discussion followed.

Motion was made to fund the purchase of 20 Chromebooks with a charging cart (Just over \$7000) Jaime will inform Mr. Coe.

Fundraising: Sarah Lennox

Ideas for semester two fundraising were discussed:

- chocolate mint smoothies
 - big box of cards
 - an auctions
 - selling JSPS merchandise
 - gift cards
- Decision made to do the Big Box of Cards fundraiser again in February
- Decision made to do Colour Paradise Gift Card fundraiser again in April before mother's day and spring gardening

NOTE: for next year's movie night to include a silent auction/auction night

JSPS School Council Bylaw Manual: Nicole Wells

- Thanks to Nicole who has put together a working document for our by-laws from a number of other sources
- A Sub committee will be formed to work through the proposed by-laws (Nicole, Helene ...others??)
- The goal will be to have a good working copy by the new year
- Nicole will send out the "working document" before Jan meeting after the sub committee has met, so council members can read it and come prepared to discuss any amendments

New business:

- vote to get a gift for Joe as a thank you passed - \$100 - Kelly/ Helene
- vote to get a gift for Brian - thinking of you passed - \$100 - Kelly/Helene
- Discussion occurred about having a community evening in the spring about parenting or perhaps mental illness / anxiety - Nicole will look into this and bring ideas/ details, Sarah will get in contact with Alison Shafer, Ashley - will look into possibilities from the hospital

Next Meeting:

No December Meeting

Tuesday January 26th, 6:00 pm - library