

JSPS School Council - October 18 2016

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Andrea Michelutti, Sherri Davidson, Kelly Wildi, Kelly DeCoppel, Stephanie Morris, Cinnamon Abdallah, Jennifer Poortinga, Meaghan Smith, Aniko Kasos, Lori Peebles, Ana Cabral, Kendra Gastmeier, Christine Bunz, Jaime Demsey, Rebeca Klein, Tina Sweeney, Sara Styan

Call to order - 6:00pm - Kelly Wildi

Hot Lunches: (Update from Meaghan)

PIZZA:

- First day was Monday
- Delivery was on time - volunteers delivered to Kindies and grade 1 - grades 2-8 picked up their pizza -this system worked out well
- Feedback was good about the taste
- Roughly 67 boxes of pizza were ordered
- Profit was about \$175 for this first order
- There were enough volunteers - thank you!

SUBS:

- The committee investigated Subworx to see about the feasibility of adding a sub option into the mix
- We would make around \$1 a sub - it could be done once a month - once in November - once in December to try

LUNCH LADY:

- The committee also investigated Lunch Lady menu and prices
- The school would make about \$.50 a combo
- This would not be ordered through school days - but rather on a separate website
- They have a list of several lunch options to choose from - we could offer 4 choices (best sellers)
- They have special theme lunches as well- ie. Hallowe'en or Christmas lunches

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of options and the frequency of adding extra meals.

Decision:

We will move forward with Lunch Lady - Fridays for November, December, January and February. The committee will set this up and communication will go out to the wider school community about this secondary option for hot lunches.

Gardening Project:

- A parent volunteer has offered to head up a gardening committee
- She is willing to organize weeding / regreening
- Natasha Roth has some extra tulips she would like to plant with some students as well
- Elizabeth Nunes-Esser (parent volunteer) will head this initiative - Please contact her if you would like to join this group of volunteers

Move-a-thon

- Oct 31st - Professor JAMZ
- Glow gear is already bought and at the school
- If anyone sees glow rings for a good price - let Kelly know
- Students can pick songs online ahead of time
- Donations or pledges can be made online
- No students will be prevented from participating if envelopes aren't returned
- The volunteer co-ordinator for this event will be following up soon for this event to organize and sort out shifts and jobs
- The schedule for the day is as follows:
 - 8:30-9:30 - Gr 2 and 3
 - 9:30-10:30 - Gr 1
 - 11:10-12:10 - SK/JK
 - 12:10-1:10 - Gr 4-6
 - 1:50-2:50 - Gr 7 and 8

Vice Principal Report - Sherri Davidson

Oct. 28th is picture Day:

- Students going skating that day will have their picture taken before they go
- A few classes going on a field trip that day will have CLASS PHOTOS on retake day
- Grade 8 students will be volunteering to help the day run smoothly

Principal Report - Andrea Michelutti

Attendance and lates:

- September has been excellent
- October has been a struggle - Andrea will be contacting parents to see how the school can support the families to help them get their students to school on time
- Andrea is looking for anyone who is willing to help mentor families who are struggling - Aniko has agreed to help in this area

Taking care of our neighbourhood:

- Andrea encourages adults in the area to be present and visible in the neighbourhood
- If someone sees something suspicious observe for awhile - adult presence often deters unwanted behaviour
- Some bikes were damaged last week - Andrea has spoken to school resource officer and she is working with the students in the building to investigate further and resolve the issue
- Parents and students are encouraged to come forward to report anything they witnessed that may be considered suspicious in nature

School Day:

- Only 60 students are not on School Day at this point - Andrea will continue to work with families to have good communication

Treasurer's Report

- No update - The board hasn't updated our books yet, last year it took until November

Announcement

- Sue Statz has announced she will be retiring at the end of December
- Andrea will be looking to hire a new secretary who will start in January
- Thank you Sue for all your hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

WRAPC

- Anna attended on behalf of Jean Steckle
- Digital citizenship summit hosted by board is Nov 26th - Andrea will post information
- A board transportation/ travelling representative also spoke - she can come into schools to discuss things like the walking school bus

Parkvale Road update

- Anna attended this meeting
- They are looking into options about reducing/calming traffic - they are not inclined to install speed bumps - fire fighters don't like them and snowplows also have issues
- There is a form online you can access to give suggestions - there is a minimum number of people who need to make suggestions
- For further information or to access the feedback form please use the following contact information:

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Updates from last meeting:

- Buddy Bench has been installed by the gazebo outside - staff will monitor and we can revisit the purchase of the approved second bench
- Recycling/Green Bins - No teachers have expressed interest in green bins - there must be teacher support to begin an initiative. At this time more teachers have expressed interest in boomerang lunches. Andy Morris did not move forward with his investigation into the topic.

(Moving Forward: Teachers reports have been taken off of the regular agenda for School Council because all of the information they share is available on the website)

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Fundraising reflection after move-a-thon
- Possible movie night could be organized for the new year
- Family Fun Night Discussion - Thursday June 8th (5-8)
- Boomerang Lunches/ Recycling

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 15th at 6:00pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Feb. 28, April 25, May 16