

School Council - February 23, 2016

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Jaime Demsey, Tina Sweeny, Jeff Parliament, Jenn Phillip, Kelly Wildi, Kelly DeCoppel

Call to order: 6:00 Helene

- Minutes from January Approved (Helene Chatterten)
- Agenda approved - Helene
- Family Fun Night - First sub-Committee meeting will be right after this meeting (7:00)

Principal Report: Jeff Parliament

- Recent staffing changes:
 - o Lori Danylchuk (Music) – on leave till March 21 – Amanda Grundy
 - o Lucy Jozefowicz (Gr. 4/5) – on leave till March 25 – Natasha Maris
 - o Natasha Roth (Primary Music + FI Planning) – on leave till March break (might be extended) – Nicole Wilson
 - o Christine Salomon – 2B – works afternoons – just got a contract at Manchester School – very excited for her – Jeannine Vinke to return full-time
 - o Tracey MacLaurin (JK/SK planning) – finishes her LTO at the end of this week – Sarah Matches (new to the school), experienced teacher, returning from a leave
 - o Andrew Jones – 1C – finishes at March break – seconded for a year plus to teach in Africa – in process of hiring for him
 - o Erin Miller, DECE – off on pregnancy leave as of Feb. 16 – welcome to Donna

Bender

- Update on Brian Burnley, principal – still off on a leave, Jeff Parliament will be here until at least March break, possibly the end of March (when hopefully Brian will return)
- Reminder that this Friday, Feb. 26 is a brand new PA Day, so no school for students – morning will be an opportunity for staff to plan together, revisit the school success plan and set priorities for the remainder of the year; afternoon will be a health and safety training for staff
- French Immersion update – we have been given 2 Grade 1 FI classes for next year, currently 36 students (two classes of 18), letters will be sent out within the next week to those families and they need to confirm back with the school by March break
- K1 is back in their room as of today after the clean-up of from the water damage
- 2 grade 1 French Immersion classes for next year (36 students registered room for a few more)
- Best guess is there will be 8 kindergarten classes for next year
- projected enrolment for next year is 840 (probably 1 or 2 more portables)

Vice Principal Report - Sherri Send her regrets

Teacher Report: Jaime Dempsey for February

- 12th – Grades 7 and 8 had a Valentine's Day dance the last two periods of the day
- 19th – Term One Report Cards were sent home

- 19th – Carnaval d’Hiver was held outside for the duration of the middle block. All children enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities and then had a cookie and hot chocolate prepared by classroom teachers.
- 18th and 23rd – Scientist in the Classroom visited all Grade 2 classrooms in order to further their study of Simple Machines
- 22nd – Girls’ basketball wrapped up their season – Boys’ quarter finals are commencing on 22nd
- 22nd – Used book sale being held this week to support WEFI for Syrian refugees
- 24th – Kindness Assembly/Wear Pink Day
- 25th – Blue and Green spirit day
- Intramurals, building club, chess club, and Relaxation Wednesdays are ongoing

Treasurer Report: Kelly DeCoppel

- No new revenue this past month
- balance of \$30 000 - \$15 000 still designated, \$3 500 not out of account from approved spending
- \$12 000 is our balance moving forward
- Motion to pre approve \$3000 for Family Fun Night- Passed
- Motion to make last pizza lunch of the year (Monday June 20) a “gift” lunch a slice of cheese pizza for each student and staff - cost would be about \$1000 - Passed
- Kelly will add it to the next order form and parents who don’t want their child to receive pizza can send the form back
- Teacher’s breakfast - Friday May 20 we will advertise better so teachers are aware - Motion to approve \$400
- To discuss next meeting - additional money to be allocated for French home reading books
- Helene will finish the form for teachers to fill out and submit for wish list requests and give to Jeff before Friday
- For a more detailed report click on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11T2o-Lm2iu89gX6S0oesBOfzuwW2zzxzLm7ijNk7UGI/edit?usp=sharing>

Fundraising: Sarah Lennox

- Big box of cards fundraising initiative is underway
- A bunch of volunteers are coming in on Thursday to count money
- Sarah will notify parents through a letter when pick up of boxes will be - a day before March Break

Huron Community Association Update - Kevin Phillips

- Moved to March’s agenda

New business:

To discuss next meeting - Movie night / Mental Health Evening - April 21

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday March 22

Tuesday April 19

Tuesday May 17

Tuesday June 14