

School Council - March 22, 2016

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Jaime Demsey, Tina Sweeny, Kelly DeCoppel, Sherri Davidson, Anna Cabral, Andrea Michelutti, Christine Bunz

Call to order: 6:05 Helene

- Approved Minutes from February - Sarah
- Consideration of agenda - Kevin Phillips absent (removed from agenda)
- Family Fun Night - planning meeting right after this meeting, it is confirmed that the event will be combined with HHCA
- April Mental Health Month - We will consider this for next year
- **Helene** will talk to Nicole about Parents Reaching Out Grant

Principal Report: Andrea Michelutti

- Taught since 2000, began in South Markham at a K-8 school
- Has taught every grade except grade 5
- Moved here - taught at Howard Robinson- was a Resource teacher for awhile
- Was promoted to VP and moved to WT Townshend
- Went to New Dundee PS - as Principal - implemented School Days, created a Twitter following at the school
- Sends out once a week principal reports on School Days
- Has focused on implementing new technology, coding, digital citizenship, etc.
- Encourages parent e-mails and communication
- Welcome Andrea!!

Vice Principal Report - Sherri

- Grade 8's will go to camp Olympia in the spring as their overnight excursion
- Grade 7's are looking at attending an overnight camp at Laurier called "Jump"
- ECE Roxanne on Mat leave, Stephanie Graham is replacing her
- Last PD day was very effective and useful for teachers
- Meetings about Graduation have begun, as previously approved Council has earmarked \$500 towards grad
- Children's Hero Award nominations are being accepted - they are looking for students who have assisted peers etc. to contribute to a safe community or have displayed good citizenship attributes- **Helene** will forward the nomination form

Teacher Report: Jaime Dempsey

- March 3 - Kindies went on a field trip to see Fred Penner
- Gr. 1s have been going skating - each class gets 6 trips in total (3 left)
- Science day happened for grade 2 classes - very enjoyable
- This Thursday - Beach Day
- Thursday March 24th - Firemen visiting Kindergartens
- March 30th - Drum fit kit is coming (staying for three weeks)
- Teacher Book Club - based on Literacy Ideas (Reading Strategies) will be starting soon
- Wrestling team is having a great time, Gr 7 and 8s - goes until the end of April
- Book sale raised \$604 for the Syrian families - Thank you to all who donated

Treasurer Report: Kelly DeCoppel

- Money raised for Big Box of cards Fundraiser was just under \$7000
- Pizza days are also still making money
- Approx Available funds \$18 000
- Motion made to approve purchase for the last two Kindergarten projectors that would be approximately \$4000 - motion was passed.

- Click [HERE](#) for link to full March treasurer's report

Possible Spending Moving forward:

- **Steph** will make a Google Form to send to teachers to get a wish list - Helene will send digital copy of proposal questions
- Suggestion made to look into getting some trees planted - Sherri will look into e-mailing Rob Sealy from the board to come to look into it - to see where trees might be planted
- Jaime has a contact of an arborist who wants to donate some time to a school for tree care

Fundraising: Sarah Lennox

- Three classes were given a pizza party for the Big Box of Cards winners, Parent council will need to kick in \$40 extra to cover the cost (approved), Pizza parties will be on Thursday
- The gift card for greenhouse will be in April, **Helene** is organizing when the form will go out to students, this fundraiser will be very low key
 - Orders will be back in time for mother's day - we will tie in a "save the bee theme"
 - Highest seller could get a Sting Jersey or something

New business:

- Walking school bus - a program branched from Block Parents
 - One parent walks a large number of students to school
 - Parents would volunteer and there would be a designated meeting spot
 - A neat way to build community
- Jump Rope for Heart is coming soon...
 - Jump Rope For Heart is coming to JSPS on Friday April 29th!
 - Get ready to be heart healthy by supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation through fundraising, using pledge envelopes or on-line; with each online registration your child will receive a \$5 kick-start and a free jump rope. Fundraising prizes include A Playground Ball, Soccer Ball, \$15 Gift Card, 3 Wheel Scooter and \$100 Gift Card. In order to prepare for our event, each student will be provided with information about Jump Rope For Heart between Wednesday April 13th - 15th.
- Class photos will be occurring in the spring sometime soon

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday April 19

Tuesday May 17

Tuesday June 14