

JSPS School Council - Feb 28

In attendance: Andrea Michelutti, Stephanie Morris, Meaghan Smith, Christine Bunz, Amy Humphrys, Disa Hansen, Chris Ryan, Ana Batista, Amber Wooldridge, Cinnamon Abdallah, Jennifer Poortinga, , Anita Glivota, Melanie Gualtieri

Regrets: Lori Peebles

Call to order 6:00 - Chris

Approval of Jan. Minutes occurred on line by Cinnamon was seconded today by Ana Batista

Chair's report

- Dance-A-Thon was a great success
 - Thanks to all who were involved to help it run so smoothly (parents, office staff, teachers, students etc.) We are excited to see the results the funds from this event will have on our school community
- Movie night is April 20th - Movie choice will be announced soon
 - Chris will send out more information and a request for parent council volunteers in the next few weeks
- Colour paradise git cards will start soon
 - Forms will go out March 29th They are due back April 18th and orders will be available before mother's day
- Family fun night committee met last week
 - they discussed what to keep, what to improve on and any problems
 - if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns please speak to Chris

Principal's Report

- Dance-A-thon
 - students were incredibly well behaved all students were appropriate and had fun
 - it had a huge impact on lates and attendance that day so students were obviously excited to here and involved!
- Out of bounds issues
 - two more families have recently come to Andrea's attention
 - She will be dealing with these families on a case by case basis
- Changes regarding new boundaries
 - 160 students will be moving from JSPS to Janet Metcalf
 - transition meetings between JSPS staff and new principal will occur
- Talent show
 - next week Wed. March 7th one performance will occur during the day for students and one at night
 - 70 students participating
- Kindergarten registration
 - 70 students currently registered - which is higher than there were at this point last year
 - April 4th - parents only Kindi Info night to go over the essential ready for school skills
 - they will be sharing a lot of important information about best practices for families
 - Someone from Parent council will go to share about council and invite new parents

- to join
- The end of May 24th there will be a Kindi open house for both parents and children - students will get to engage in interactive activities
- Information will be sent out through the website since they are not on School day yet
- Parking Lot concerns
 - By law have been here several days. Vehicles still persist to double park in the lot. There is still a teaching and training piece for parents that needs to be done so that we are all aware of the whole community's needs.
 - Hopefully there will be a decrease in vehicle traffic in the fall when the boundary lines shrink even further
 - Before and after school needs to have access to the parking lot so blocking it off is not an option

New Items:

Anita Glivota

- There is a program student transportation services can offer called a student travel assessment - it is often offered when new schools open
- It would be a good time to put this request in now since the new school is opening across the street
- One key thing they do is collect data and educate parents on walking habits
- The Contact for this program is Leslie Maxwell
- Other programs they offer to help facilitate include a walking school bus - (school council tried to offer this in the past and we had no volunteers) and Walking buddies
- They have also done things like murals in front of the school to help with education
- Anita Glivota has volunteered to chair a committee that will look into a student travel assessment- they only need a formal request from the principal, Which Andrea will work on Amber also volunteered to help with this committee

Amber's presentation

- "Taking a closer Look at our Neighbourhood"
- Link to her presentation [here](#)
- Lots of great data that helps us understand the families in our community
- We could apply for a Parent's Reaching out grant (\$1000) that we could try to tackle one of these areas of concern

On another note there is a staff member willing to help start up NFL (Nutrition for Learning) again but parent volunteers would be needed. If interested please contact Andrea.

Treasurer report - Ana will send a more detailed link after Dance a thon numbers are finalized

- Total balance right now is \$25 468.32
- We've hit our \$20 000 goal for our greening project!
 - We will need to come up with a plan for watering over the summer
 - Andrea will look into if there would be the opportunity to give an honorarium to a student

Question: What is done with other funds?

Answer: We consider other staff requests for funds

Parent Suggestion: Could parent council subsidize the cost of school planners?

Discussion: This has been done at other schools but the downside of subsidizing is that students won't look after the planners if they haven't had to pay for them.

Meeting Adjourned 7:02

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

April 25th, 2018