

School Council - January 26, 2015

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Jaime Demsey, Sherry Davidson, Nicole Wells, Ana Batista-Cabral, Tina Howitt, Jeff Parliament, Kevin Philip, Aniko Kasos

Call to order: 6:00 Helene

- Minutes from November Approved (Helene Chatterten)
- Agenda approved
- Family Fun Night - Thursday June 2
 - Please let Helene know if you are interested in joining the Sub-Committee by Feb 16th using the parent council e-mail
 - Lots of parent volunteers will be needed on the night of the event, please let Sarah Lennox know if you would like to volunteer

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEBRUARY'S COUNCIL MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

Principal Report: Jeff Parliament

- Brian has extended his leave of absence until March break
- Jeff has 18 years experience as an Administrator, he just came from Edna Staebler after his retirement last spring
- He has felt very welcome here so far and enjoys working with the staff
- His wife teaches at conestoga, he has two stepchildren, and enjoys running
- He presented a thank you note from King Edward for the donation they received from council

Vice Principal Report: Sherry Davidson

- PD day is on Friday Jan 29
- There has been an additional PD Day added to the calendar - Feb 26
- Lots of in-school PD has been happening, in school resource teacher has been doing a lot of small group PD
- Helene requests that more communication about using Google Drive at home be sent home to parents so students and parents can access it at home

Teacher Report: Jaime Dempsey

- Jan 18 - empathy assembly
- Jan - Basketball team up and running
- Intramurals are run by Kyle Owens - they have been busy most lunch hours
- Every Friday there has been a teacher challenge that the students have become quite fond of - older children participate
- Gr 7's field trip - snowshoe/outdoor experience
- Gr 1 field trips this week as well - snowshoeing
- Blue Spruce has begun - province wide reading program - voting will occur in April
- Feb 12 - Carnival L'Hiver - Winter carnival activities
- Feb 12 - Gr 7 and 8 Valentine's Day Dance
- Feb 24 - pink shirt day and character assembly

- Book sale - Feb 16-18 - gently used book collection will occur- Sales will go towards Syrian refugees in community
- Guess the teachers contest going on right now

Additional Teacher business:

- Jaime brought forth a request from K7 and K5: they would like to ask for money from council for a bus to go the maple syrup farm - Discussion to follow later in agenda

Treasurer Report: Helene (on behalf of Kelly DeCoppel)

- Movie Night we ran out of snacks, it was so successful - we made \$1000
- Feedback - more education around respecting the space and cleaning up will happen before the next Movie Night
- Helene moved to have Parent Council pay for the additional Music supplies (cost of \$151) - Motion accepted
- Motion to approve \$3.00 per child/year (Kindergarten to grade 6) to go towards offsetting the cost of field trips - this could help support each child/parent - This would be something we would hope to have a standard moving forward each year beyond this one - Discussion followed, motion passed.
- Request brought forward for to buy two Sphero Coding Kits for grade 3-8 to use.
 - Two complete kits together (including case, and all terrain park) would cost \$1281.36
 - Discussion followed - Motion to buy two kits approved

For a more detailed outline of the treasurer's report please [click here](#).

Fundraising: Sarah Lennox

- 600 boxes of Big Box of cards are coming next week - volunteers needed Feb 8 at 8:30 to help sort and label the boxes, please contact Sarah Lennox if you are available to assist
- Feb 11 - Fundraising assembly to inform students
 - lots of prizes will be offered to encourage students to fundraise
- School Council will make \$11 per box - if we sell 600 boxes = \$6600!
- All orders are due by Feb 25th
- Boxes will be ready for pick up before March Break
- We are also doing nursery gift card fundraiser in April (in time for mother's day)
- School makes 20%
- Council has started to sell the extra pizza that comes \$1 slice to grade 5 and up

JSPS School Council Bylaw Manual: Nicole Wells

- By laws have been updated with a few additions about council funds (a process for request of funds from teachers)
- Link to bylaws will follow (**Action Nicole**)
- A discussion about some of the additions followed
- Motion to accept by laws - by-laws passed

New business:

- Kevin- is part of the HCA, thanked us for allowing the HCA to attend some recent school events
 - **OTHER INFO:**
 - Feb 11 - Community meeting coming up - here in the school meeting
 - 7:00, agenda to come
 - Festival of Neighbourhoods - if we offer our events (i.e. Movie Night) to the whole community, we can put a ballot in to win \$21 000 in grants
 - Kevin will present with more details at the next School Council meeting

- Speaker - there is still interest to have a Mental Health speaker in the Spring - a potential date could be Thursday April 22 - We will come back to this discussion next month

- French Home reading books have been ordered
- The French Immersion numbers for next year will be known by our March Council meeting - we can look at the numbers to determine if there will be a need to purchase additional French At Home Reading Books

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday February 23th, 6:00 pm - library

Tuesday March 22

Tuesday April 19

Tuesday May 17

Tuesday June 14