

Mutchmor School Council
Wednesday April 27th, 2016
Record of Meeting

Participants: Anna Wilkinson (Co-chair), Mike Zureik (Treasurer), Adrienne Annan (OCASC), Kathy Cowan (Outreach Sub-committee), Kiersten Love (Funfair Committee)

Staff: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal), Christopher Wereley (Vice-Principal), Joanna Courtney (Teacher Representative), Vanessa DeHoog (Teacher Representative).

Minutes from the March meeting approved and agenda for the April meeting approved.

Co-Chair Update:

Glebe Education Committee is looking into the Extended Day program and was confirmed that there are subsidized spots available and that parents are able to request which location they would like to have their kids at. The Committee is looking into the availability/feasibility of busing to the various locations.

Treasurer's Report:

Pizza - revenue \$5-\$6000 less than projected this year as less students ordered and pizza was more expensive.

Funfair - There will be no wine toss this year which brought in \$800 but agreed that the Funfair is not intended to be a money-generating activity. Noted that the food trucks this year will be more of an expense to parents but are a welcome change.

Booksale - Revenue this year was \$20,460.00 (minus admin. costs of \$1588.21) compared to last year's \$25,000.

Next year's budget should have fewer expenses in light of saving for new playground in 2020, rough estimate of \$150,000.00 needed.

Agreed that the Outreach budget will be reduced for next year.

Possible new Treasurer next year - Kate Bennie (McClosky)

My School App - agreed that the App has been very useful for volunteer shifts for the booksale and will be used again for the Funfair volunteer shifts as well. Council agreed to link Paypal to the App in order to purchase bands for the Funfair.

Comment made that perhaps the student directory could be accessible at all times for parents to use and was confirmed that the directory had been disabled. Mike Zureik to look into any privacy issues and to determine if this can be available at all times through the App.

Principal's Report

Lice Check today, some cases found but no firm numbers confirmed yet.

Isabelle Flannigan nominating Kylie Taggart for Volunteer of the Year with the School Board.

Book sale was a great success, new space worked very well. Shelving and supplies will stay in that space for storage.

School Learning Plan - math teachers continue working with the students on a math problem of the week (or every 2 weeks) to measure how students are doing.

School Review is an ongoing process to evaluate how programs are delivered in secondary schools, including grades 7-12. A consultation process is ongoing this Spring with discussion forums being held at the Board. A Google Forum will be held April 28th/16. Highlights include the revision of framework documents including the moving towards 2 school configurations: K-6 and 7-12 or K-8 and 9-12, and the 3 different pathways a student may follow including going to college, going to university or heading straight into the workforce. French Immersion is to be available in all schools. Looking at making the International French Proficiency Program available at all schools. Consideration of a 2nd International Baccalaureate program in Kanata. Parents asked to register for May 5th/16 forum.

Grade 6 Graduation will take place at Glebe Collegiate as there will be 80 kids and the space is more accommodating.

EQAO testing for Grades 3 and 6 will occur over a period of 3 days in the near future.

Staffing for next year will remain the same except we will lose 1 French teacher and gain 2.5 English teachers.

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Basketball tournaments - May 10th for Boys and May 12th for Girls.

Running Club - Grades 5 and 6 (Joanna Courtney) continue their training at Landsdowne which is working out very well, with a variety of training options available there. Grades 3 and 4 (Vanessa DeHoog) also going well on the track behind Corpus with interval training and drills this year.

Ultimate Club starting soon and will be organized by Mme Peach and Mme April and there will be a tournament organized.

Spring Assembly is on May 6th at 9:30am. Parents are encouraged to stay to appreciate the whole assembly. Rehearsal is May 4th at 12:00pm.

Field Trips - Upper Canada Village - Grade 3s, MacSkimming Conservation area - Grade 3s.

SK students will have a guest speaker teaching them about disability awareness on May 11/16.

Cleaning up the Capital on Friday May 6th.

All Mutchmor students will be going to First Ave to see their play in mid-May.

Crossing guard for Fifth and Bank is being assessed currently so no decisions have been made yet.

Book Sale

See attached form

Funfair

- Will take place on June 17th/16.
- Will have food trucks this year and some new games as well as the inflatables like previous years.
- Council thought it would be acceptable for Big Brothers/Big Sisters to set up a lemonade stand (free lemonade) and parents could then make a donation and receive info about the organization.
- Water will be available for free from large Rubbermaid jugs.
- Waiting to see if we can access water from the Corpus yard and if we can use this yard for water play.
- In case of bad weather, suggestion to use the gym is not feasible as there is not enough space. An email will go out to parents to explain that a cancellation of the event may be necessary due to severe weather.
- Fourth ave between Percy and Lyon will be closed off and homeowners will be notified.
- Philanthropy Club will be doing a bake sale.

Outreach

- Ottawa Centre for Refugee Action much appreciated our contribution.
- cheques were mailed out to Sioux Mountain Public school in Sioux Lookout and Ulaajuk School in Pond Inlet and they were very appreciative of our contributions.
- The grade 5 pen pal program with Sioux Mountain students is going very well.

OCASC

- Review of Ombudsman office assistance re: complaint process.
- Deputy Ombudsman is Barbara Finley.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 25th/16.