

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Jennifer Ninacs (Teacher rep); Adrienne Annan (Co-chair); Kate Binnie (Treasurer); Kiersten Love (Fun Fair chair), Maia (representative from the philanthropy club), Jeremy Thompson (Community rep); Joanne Gallop (Secretary)

Approval of minutes from January 25 meeting

Approved by Kiersten. Seconded by Adrienne.

Co-Chair update

Things have been quiet. No update.

Principal's report

The dance-a-thon raised \$10,000 and the bake sale raised \$1000 (to be donated to Right to Play).

Skating rink follow up. (Re: letter in the Glebe Report around having a rink on the Mutchmor field.) The Superintendent and Isabelle spoke and decided not to send a reply in the Glebe Report. It turns out that someone else provided background and the issue is closed.

Our board Superintendent has moved to Renfrew County. Susan McDonald will come out of retirement for 4 months to cover the gap while the board works to hire a new Superintendent.

Report cards went out today.

Projection for next year is 541 students. (Current numbers are 525). In the past, the numbers went up at the end of August, but the board has caught this trend and have adjusted accordingly. This means that the staff assignments should match well.

Joanne Rowe (Librarian) has organized a Human Library to take place on March 8. Grade six students will participate in this program, which will welcome a jazz singer, and Olympian and an artist, among others. Each student gets to sign up for two of the sessions. There is a big Q&A at the end.

School report

- WITS program leaders are meeting every week.
- Chess club has grown and is now split into two groups.
- Girls volleyball team is selected – tournament March 8
- Boys volleyball need to be selected – tournament March 9.
- Tech club will start up again after March break – Mme Huet will notify parents.
- Knitting club – Mondays. Kids bring their own supplies.
- Tinker club - grade 5 & 6 after school on Thursday.
- Flight club – Recesses on Tuesday
- Mon Amie program – supports children in grade 1 & 2 on Wednesday.

Treasurer's report

- Revenue for the year - \$40,761.11 – this is primarily pizza money. Expenses \$9,335.71
- There is a cheque due from the Board; Lunch Lady cheques are also due to come in.
- The biggest expense was the money we gave to the school.
- OCASC cheque – Kate will write the cheque for it today. She will contact Dana to organize delivery to OCASC.
- Kate to write the cheque for the Philanthropy club for Culture Club (\$200) when a second signatory is available.

We need to have a third signatory for the cheques. Adrienne will ask Mike Todd who they have used in the past and we can organize adding them to the account at the bank.

Committee Reports

Book sale

No book sale team present. Adrienne provided update. The executive committee met in January and things are getting organized.

Fun fair

Kiersten has all the big items organized. It's ticking along nicely and will ramp up a little closer to the date.

Outreach

No outreach members were present. Funding report to come next month.

Maia presented the Mutchmor Culture Club. There are about 10-15 kids in this club. (It's a subset of the philanthropy club.) They are asking for \$200 for equipment to help them grow microgreens. This will cover several varieties of seeds, growing trays (30), growing guide books, seaweed fertilizer.

Micro greens take about 12 days to grow. The club members thought it would be a good way to help people outside of the school community. They are hoping to donate them to Cornerstone Housing for Women.

Council took a vote and it was unanimously approved to support the Culture Club's initiatives.

Engagement coordinator

Many parents have requested that we re-send the directory. Adrienne will follow up with Heather to get this done.

Pizza

No pizza people present.

OCASC

No OCASC people present.

Community rep

Gnag before and after care program can no longer run for kids under 6. They are working with community centres in Ottawa South and East to try and get an exemption from MP Naqvi.

Isabelle spoke to Acorn and to the extended day program people here, and they are working to create extra spaces. Good Morning Preschool will also expand their program if there is enough interest to add more days (They currently run 2x/week)

Sean Menard (Trustee) is going to follow up with the OCDSB Superintendent.

The extended day program at Mutchmor is only offered full time (before and after school). Apparently, students are supposed to be able to attend part time. The program director is checking into the rules, so they may adjust things if need be...Hopefully these two things will open things up...

Jeremy will have a child in the school next year, so we will need to replace him on council. Adrienne will make a note to spread the word.

Playground committee

The committee is gathering info and will present in March or April.

Forward action items

- Kate to draft a cheque for \$200 made out to the school for the Culture Club.
- Adrienne to ask Heather to re-send the school directory
- Adrienne to ask Mike re: third person with signing authority
- Kate to get OCASC cheque to Dana
- General group – think about potential community reps for next year

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room

