

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley; Dana Reid (OCASC rep); Kylie Taggart; Joanne Gallop (Secretary); Sheri Segal Glick (Co-chair); Lisa Hamilton (OCASC rep); Adrienne Annan (Co-chair); Kathy Cowan (Outreach); Kiersten Love (Fun Fair), Irene Pijuan Aragon (Fun Fair)

Approval of minutes from February 22 meeting

Approved by Kylie. Seconded by Sheri.

Co-Chair update

School directory – there have been difficulties getting a complete version out. Kellylee Evans is working to support Heather on this project.

Support for the Morrison-Mercer Family

Council agreed to sign up for a weekly act of kindness (an support initiative that has been set up online). We have committed to the month of November. Sheri will also ask the family if we could provide a week of camp at gnag for Jackson. Council will make personal donations to support this effort.

Principal's report

School learning plan. Teachers are continuing to work on measurement in math. Teachers who share classes have had some common planning times to review the curriculum together to find opportunities to introduce math throughout all subjects.

Tracey Smith and Jennifer Ninacs (school math leads) are going to review materials provided by the board and come up with a plan for best practices. They'll host workshops for math teachers.

There are now posters around school - what are you learning, why are you learning this, how do you know you are doing a good job, how would you improve? An initiative to start conversations with the students.

Mme Flannigan will receive staffing for next year next week. Expect 23 classes again next year. One small cohort – current grade 3 – changes the teaching assignments each year. Will look to optimize timetables – focus on kindergarteners first (youngest learners). Will try to reduce the number of transitions and contacts for all grades—a very complicated endeavour.

Mme Flannigan raised the issue of children bringing birthday treats to share with the class. Allergies are an issue and there is some concern about these children being left out. Council discussed various perspectives – fear, health, teachers' responsibility. Mme Flannigan will send out a note with a policy for birthday treats moving forward.

Council agreed that this would not affect children bringing in food as part of a project (study on a country, for e.g.).

Culture club delivered a lovely letter of thanks for the donation and provided an update on the results on funds spent.

School report

Chris W. presented on behalf of Kim Ascott.

Many activities continue to thrive: knitting, flight club, culture club, choir etc. Tech club is back on and is well attended – about 40 students. New club – art and reading club. Basketball starting next week. Silver Birch – book club – run by the librarian

New kindergarten teacher— Mr. Son—taking over for Mme Diane.

Grade fours attended the Greek exhibit at Ottawa welcomes the World at Lansdowne. Grade 5 and 6 – will go to the Turkey exhibit in April.

JK/SK are planning a trip to a sugar shack next week.

Right to Play – Ms Smith and ten students. These ten will train the other grade 6 students. They'll run an activity in June.

Human Library was very successful – a variety of people – therapy dog, French baker, athletes, artists. Grade 6 children went in groups of 4-6 kids and met with these people for a conversation – met three 'books' each. At the end, all of the 'books' were up at the front and everyone got to ask questions.

Treasurer's report

Kate is not here today. She is working with Adrienne and Sheri to get a third co-sign (Joanne Gallop) organized at the bank.

Committee Reports

Book sale

- Elspeth created a logo, website and Facebook page (easier to host an event) to help organize and promote the sale.
- Kylie request to put a banner up on fences on Fifth and Fourth. Isabelle approved.
- The usual suspects - cake raffle, children's day, and volunteer night are all on.
- New hours – no shopping Friday during the day, instead at night from 4 – 9.
Saturday – staying open until 8
- Investigating the potential of paying with credit and debit cards. Will trial it this year (likely on one day, not across the whole fair) and determine if it's a good idea. (Potential upside: increased sales. Potential downsides: cost of commissions, time it takes to pay)
- Volunteer request lists coming soon.

Fun fair

First planning meeting happened this week. Things are underway. The committee is looking at ways to cut costs. Considering forgoing the dj to run our own playlists. Will go with food trucks and will run some concessions for drinks and fast snacks to boost revenues. Irene is speaking with the food trucks to get a good deal.

Need access to the back end of the My School anywhere to organize volunteers and wristbands.
June 15th

Outreach

Kylie and Kathy proposed several allocations.

Glashan - \$1,000 – French-language books for library - approved

Cambridge Street PS - \$1,000 – supplement snack/lunch program and purchase winter gear for kids in need – approved

Keewatin Patricia District School Board – \$1,000 - hockey skills program (last year we gave to one school, now it's a board-wide initiative) – approved. Kathy to speak to the contact to get direction on the greatest need.

Education Foundation of Ottawa - \$1,500 – Students in need – approved

Philanthropy \$500 – approved.

Culture Club - \$200 – previously approved

Leftover not needed by philanthropy club will go to the education fund.

Pizza

No pizza people present.

OCASC

February (Dana)

Subjects covered: OCASC will have a session on EFI vs middle French immersion and another on mindfulness. Lunch Lady – questions about their profit margin and reporting. Treasurers and criminal record checks – need to have two people to sign things – bank cards for council treasurers a potential liability. Food trucks – watch that they're approved by city.

March (Lisa)

Subjects covered: Presentation next month on alternative schools, presentation from Leslie Park school council re: treasurer stealing money from their council (Lisa will send link so we can include it in our minutes) – included best practices, learning, OCDSB didn't deal well with it. Fundschrift was raised as a potential fundraising idea – selling gift cards to things with a 2% or 3% commission.

Community rep

Jeremy was unable to attend the meeting.

Forward action items

Other business

Dana shared the Google Doodle contest for Canada. Winner gets a \$10K education bursary, school could win \$10K for the library. Dana will forward link to Isabelle – perhaps the teachers could work it into the school work?

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 10, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room