

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2017

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley; Kylie Taggart (Booksale and Outreach); Joanne Gallop (Secretary); Kate Binnie (Treasurer); Sheri Segal Glick (Co-chair); Kiersten Love (Fun Fair), Jennifer Ninacs (Teacher rep); Jennifer Ninics (Teacher Rep); Kiersten Love (Outreach); Ariane Casey (Playground); Lisa Greaves; Sarah Dingle; Elizabeth Nicholds (Pizza); Viviane Gaudreault; Kathy Cowan (Outreach); Deborah

Approval of minutes from September xx meeting

Approved by Kylie. Seconded by Sheri.

Co-Chair update

Welcome to Miss Jo, our new Community Rep

Allergy education for staff and students. There is a presentation available that costs \$300 – three presentations for three different age groups in the school. Discussion around this – decided to work with a local mom who runs an anaphylaxis aware group to create some communication that we can share with parents. Sheri will action.

Lice Services – one kid got through the last check. The class has been re-checked (for free). In future, the company asked Chris to put the person in touch with them directly and they will sort it out.

Sheri did some research into Budding Artists fundraising. The process seems complicated. Involves sending home envelopes Interested parents can place a piece of art in the envelope and select project/put in cash. Someone must collect and prep a spreadsheet and submit to company. Fundraising comes from council being able to mark-up pricing. Decision was no. Isabelle is going to ask about a Fisher Park fundraiser re: organic veg.

Principal's report

Tent is purchased – thanks.

School board will be buying a defibrillator for every primary school. Some staff will get training. There is some work to ensure that it's inspected regularly.

School cash online – run by OCDSB. Goes live December 1. Parents will be able to pay for things like field trips online. Will help so people don't have to count cash and more convenient all around. Likely to test it out on school spirit wear.

School budget relies on voluntary fees. This year, we only raised enough to cover agendas and plastic pouches for kindergartens. Less \$ came in than was expected. Suggestion was to ask in October (September there is so much info going out) and remind again later. Remind people what the funds support. Similar problem to things like Scientists in Schools.

Request for some flexibility for spend some of the \$2K that council provides to the school – just to cover if things go under budget. Board agreed.

EQAO results – interested parents can get full results on the EQAO website. Highlights:

Grade 6 – 100% of students achieved 3 or 4 in reading; 88% in writing, 75 in math

Both grades: Mutchmor trends well compared to other schools in Ottawa and the province

School learning plan

Continue to work on math. Tackling problem solving – additional strategies, posters in the classroom that give them a framework – going to increase this activity.

School well-being plan – continue to encourage calm routines at lunch. Continue to use WITS. Continue to offer social coaching for kids who need it. (Some need a few sessions, some need support all year).

Self-regulation (especially little ones).

Houses – decided to go ahead with this idea. Going to call it ‘Families’. Idea is to inspire connection across grades and give leadership opportunities to older children. Grades 1 – 6. Intro SK at end of year so they can meet their ‘family’. Idea is to stay in the same family each year. Going to be names after Canadian animals. Aim is to meet once a month or so. Will launch at an assembly in December.

We have a new chief custodian called Yolanda.

School report

Six A/B doing We Scare Hunger – funds support the Centre Town emergency food bank. Ends October 31. Routes of Empathy – to two kindergarten classes will welcome a baby into class who they will meet a few times over the course over the year.

Swim to survive – Grade 3

Remembrance Day – Friday before the 11th.

Talk about perhaps purchasing pinnies that kids could wear at cross country, track meets etc... School clothing sale funds can perhaps go toward purchasing.

Treasurer’s report

Proposed budget – for review and approval.

Elizabeth moved to approved the budget. Kiersten seconded.

Committee Reports

Book sale

Need two plugs for \$250 installed in the multi purpose room. Will pull from allowed expenses.

Website is updated – new info.

Outreach

Team now has budget of \$4K; will meet to decide how to allocate funds.

Pizza

Funds are in and pizza is running. No new orders can be made now. November 3 is deadline to change orders.

OCASC

Parent Council Conference is November 18 – everyone can go, registration is open. There is child care available and many workshops. OCDSB website had the info.

Parents Reaching Out grants – Kylie will look into it for next year's round.

Emergency Contact information – you should check that the number/email you have provided is one that you can be reached at quickly, i.e. not the Hotmail account you check once a week.

Website – Board has a new website – it is translatable into 121 languages and will do voice in those languages too. Includes a 'How do I?' function.

Technology - \$15.5 million dedicated to technology. Aiming to have a 4 to one ratio of tech pieces to students. These will be on a rolling basis so old technology is replaced.

Air cards – internet wherever you go – kids who don't have access to internet at home will have access to these.

Funfair

Kiersten is representing for Renee for now. Tentatively scheduled for June 14 next year. Isabelle will check with Corpus to ensure that we don't overlap.

Community rep

We welcomed Ms. Jo to her first council meeting.

Playground committee

Ariane is going to lead this committee. Isabelle has been trying to connect with Dan Fournier at the board so we can see what we need to get this off the ground – steps, grants available, actual predicted costs.

Engagement

Unable to attend meeting; will get report next meeting.

Other business

Lisa gave us an update on parking – she spoke to David Chernushenko's office who said that the Board is responsible for this issue.

Lisa will host a book sale on interview night – Thursday November 23. Funds from books purchased result in more books for the library – so buy lots!

Forward action items

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 22, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room.

