

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley; Kylie Taggart (Booksale and Outreach); Joanne Gallop (Secretary); Kate Binnie (Treasurer); Sheri Segal Glick (Co-chair); Adrienne Annan (Co-chair); Kiersten Love (Fun Fair), Kim Ascot (Teacher rep); Kellylee Evans; Ariane

Approval of minutes from May10 meeting

Approved by Sheri. Seconded by Kylie.

Co-Chair update

My School Anywhere – discussion around the system. It's not always easy to work with - can we upgrade our subscription to have more functionality? Kellylee will look into this over the summer. We may consider a different/better system for the 2018/2019 year. Kellylee to check on the OCASC FB page for ideas.

[Ability to do pizza, funfair, volunteer sign ups, allow people to update their own information = ideal functionality.]

We discussed options to get more people onto our system:

- send out a form in September that goes out with teachers
- include an invite email with link at start of year to get people to click and enter details
- set up a table at meet the teacher night and encourage people to sign on

Morrison family – summer camp offer. If they decide to send Jackson to camp, Sheri will organize it for them and council will reimburse her in the Fall.

Head Lice program – Lice Services is offering a fundraising program that functions like Lunch Lady. Sheri has received an email from Lice Services. She'll forward the email Chris W. as he usually books the lice checks for the school. General agreement that this is a good idea.

Lunch time supervision – the teachers have to supervise multiple rooms and rotate through. Some parents raised concerns about choking and anaphylaxis. Is this enough coverage? Isabelle said we are conforming to board practices. They will look at tightening up next year. We also have one role of lunchtime supervision open – difficult to fill. We'll know in September what hours we have/might be covered. We can try again to hire in the fall.

Principal's report

School climate survey – school has realized that perhaps some of the results may be skewed, particularly around theft/bullying. When they chatted with students, they discovered that some of it may have been over reported because kids misunderstood the questions.

Lunch Lady accounting – Ariane looked into it and found out that we receive three payments and updates/year. Isabelle received an accounting statement from the company, outlining the money spent and amounts donated back. All seems good.

Rainy day recess – discussed with teachers at staff meeting. Teachers agreed to send them out. Decided to send them out at least one recess per day. A note will go out at the end of the year to let parents know that the kids will need rain gear next year. Plan is to test it out in the fall.

Note will go out about the birthday treats in June and Fall. It will also be talked about at the initial assembly at the beginning of the year.

Budget will get cut by 5% next year. In the past, the school had to take the cost of supply teachers out of this budget, which is difficult to cover. Starting in September, the supply teacher costs will be covered by the school board's central funds.

Decision to charge each child \$10 (optional) at start of the year to cover agenda, plastic pockets craft materials etc. (Kindergarten is \$20). Info will appear on the school website.

Octopus book sale during meet the teacher night will take place again next year.

Two students were selected to go to Toronto with their Heritage Projects. Well done!!

Ms Stevens, Mme Goldberger are confirmed back next year. Joanna Courtney will be back at the end of October. EA allocation went up by ½ a position.

School report

Tinker club is wrapping up – kids really enjoyed it. Technology rep from the board came and was impressed.

Culture Club – huge success. Cornerstone is looking forward to support again next year. Six deliveries of 4 seeding trays. Thanks from Cornerstone.

Track and Field – 28 ribbons at regional meet.

Request has been made for a replacement sunshade tent – needed for track, soccer tournament – could we buy one or get one donated? Kim will ask Erin to price it out and council will buy one.

Thanks for teacher lunch.

Treasurer's report

Book sale \$18,179.95

Fun Fair \$6,533 Expenses were \$3K approx. We more than broke even, which we haven't always done, so good news!

Total revenues to date: \$58,504.76

Total expenses: \$49,789.xx (a few more to come)

End of May - \$93K in bank

Committee Reports

Book sale

Wrap up meeting with many ideas generated for next year.

GNAG – in the past, we've only given them \$50 per class for the prize activity. We feel that more would be fair, so we've raised it to \$100 per class this year. Cheque written at the meeting.

We received some really lovely notes from women who took part in a prison program that received a donation of books left over from the sale. The program allows moms to record their voices reading books to their children.

Outreach

Lisa and Dana have volunteered to join Kylie and Kathy on Outreach next year.

Last cheque for \$1500 to be signed this week.

Pizza

No reps.

OCASC

No reps.

Funfair

It went smoothly.

Food line ups were reasonable.

Renee Lortie will take over as lead of Fun Fair next year.

Run Amuck made some mistakes (not enough generators and power cords) and offered us a \$330 discount for next year if we choose them again.

Raised approx. \$3K in the end.

Community rep

Not present

Playground committee

Not present

Other business

Lunch Lady and alternatives report by Arianne:

Lunch Lady - generally speaking, the food offering is 'kid favourites' so you know kids will eat lunch.

There are many add-ons, so you can make it healthier.

Mazola – definitely healthier, less flexible. Allergen offering is not as interesting for kid taste. Smaller company.

Both companies are open to tailoring to our needs. Similar price range, similar donation programs.

Order flexibility and online services are similar.

Both take allergens very seriously. If we have a good breakdown of our allergen needs, both will completely cater to our needs.

After some discussion, we agreed to go back to Lunch Lady to suggest tailoring their menu to offer a few more healthy options. Isabelle can let Arianne know the general trend of allergens – numbers of who is allergic to what, not specific people.

Forward action items

Kellylee to look into alternatives to My School anywhere – for discussion in first few months of the next school year.

Ariane to chat with lunch lady re: healthy alternatives and allergens specific to our school.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room