

Mutchmor School Council
Wednesday January 27, 2016
Record of Meeting

Participants: Mike Todd (Co-Chair); Anna Wilkinson (Co-Chair); Mike Zureik (Treasurer); Chari Marple (Secretary); Adrienne Annan (OCASC); Kylie Taggart (Book Sale and Outreach Subcommittee); Kathy Cowan (Outreach Subcommittee); Jeremy Thompson (Community Representative); Heather Watson.

Staff: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley (Vice-Principal); Joanna Courtney (Teacher representative) Vanessa deHoog (Teacher representative).

Minutes from the November meeting and the agenda for the January meeting were approved.

CoChair Update:

Co-Chairs have been in touch with the Trustee on Kindergarten sizes. If we end up with two large classes for SKs, we will can recommend the creation of a third.

Principal's Report:

Cap sizes for transfers were received. This year's cap is estimated at 111 cross-boundary transfers. Isabelle is going to ask for a review of this number as it seems very high. Some transfers are expected but we do not want the school to grow too quickly. While we may have classroom space we may not have other infrastructure like washrooms and playgrounds to accommodate such a large number.

Purchases will be made for the library and playground equipment. We have ordered readers for kindergarten classes. Large books with large text for use teaching reading in classrooms will also be purchased. The Grades 1 and 2 book cart and some of the worn books will be replaced.

There will be programming upcoming with break dancing as well as some traditional folk dancers. The Glashan band is also anticipated to perform as is Glebe High School's Offbeat.

The Lice Sqad was at the school last week. Fifteen cases of lice were discovered. We will have another lice check in the spring.

A letter of appreciation was received from Glashan and a thank you card from Hawthorne school.

The Principal does not feel major school renovations such as flooring for the school should be paid for by School Council. She will pursue funding from the Board for those. Historic paint colours have been researched. Lighting options have been researched. Funding from School Council for lights has been approved.

Isabelle has requested 10 minutes only parking on Fourth Avenue. Currently where parents are parking is blocking the cross walk. She will also ask the School Resource Officer to educate parents on where to park. Another option could we talk with our City Counsellor. We could get zebra stripes to increase visibility for the cross walk.

Will continue to announce extra-curricular on the morning announcements and have it communicated to parents by e-mail rather than on the school calendar

School Report:

Sports

Tryouts for volleyball are next week - the first week of February. April and Johanna will be coaching. March second is the girl's tournament and the third is for the boys.

Clubs

March 4th at 6:30pm the Philanthropy Club will organize a move night to raise funds for Syrian Refugees.

Several student initiated clubs are underway. The Cursive Class was started by grade six students and takes place Thursdays. The Reading Writing and Drawing Club begun by grade three students for younger students will take place every second Wednesday. There is also a Drama Club for grades 3 and 4 and 5 and 6.

Other

Vanessa is working with the choir to record the school song.

The Dance-a-thon will take place on February 11th.

Chrome Books are being used. They load up quickly and are relatively inexpensive and flexible. We may wish to purchase more.

Treasurers Report

Playground equipment

Council is giving the school a cheque to cover the cost of the long jump pit that was approved by Council last spring. The long jump pit was installed in the summer as part of the yard renovation.

The play structure will need to be replaced in 2020. The equipment is good for 20-25 years. We are considering saving for a new structure. We will want to do research, establish a target budget, determine what we can pay with current funds, identify the gap, and what level of additional activities will be required to fund the project.

If anyone is interested in being Treasured next year Mike would be happy to mentor someone for 2017-18.

Contact Treasurer Mike Zureik for more details on the budget.

2015 Committees

Booksale

Miscellaneous considerations for the booksale were discussed. We are looking for someone new to assist in recruiting volunteers. We have a large sign that says "Book Sale" and could be fastened on the school. We need to consider where books will be dropped off, sorted and stored. One option would be to have the public come in the Fifth Avenue entrance. Books would be stored in a downstairs classroom in the new part of the school. There may be two rooms used- one for kids books and another for adults. The small gym might be the children's section. The safe could be moved to the office or the most convenient classroom. We need to find a place to store left-over books.

FunFair

For food we may consider food trucks as opposed to purchasing and preparing barbecued food as in previous years. We have reached out to GNAG who are not interested in partnering. We are brainstorming for games for older kids.

Outreach

We were looking into funding a printer for a school in Pond Inlet. They would use it to create cards from kids art to fundraise. Not much progress has been made. We could also purchase some of the artwork or sell it at the booksale and donate back funds

A school in Sioux Lookout has developed a hockey program to help keep kids in school. We are exploring the possibility of contributing some outreach funds to support this program. We are also looking into the possibility of initiating a pen pal initiative with the Sioux Lookout students and our grade five students as this would align with the grade five curriculum focusing on First Nations.

The Committee will put together a proposal for how to spend the Outreach funds.

For more information:

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/hockey-school-sioux-lookout-1.3410464>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBDC1pyve18&app=desktop>

Community Representative

Glebe Collegiate is having an open house Feb 11 at 6:30. There will be a tour, entertainment and food. Funds will go towards refurbishing their library.

Glashan will have their used clothing drive in April.

OCASC

Insurance for schools was discussed. We do not purchase additional insurance as we do not undertake offsite activities. Activities at the school are covered by the Board insurance. If school staff are involved

we are covered by their insurance. They mentioned coverage for alcohol. They mentioned limitations to the Board policy, e.g., equipment like skis.

Other Business and Next Meeting

Next Meeting: School Council Meetings take place every fourth Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be held **Wednesday February 24th**.