

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Thursday March 31, 2016

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley (Vice-principal); Joanna Courtney (Teacher); Vanessa de Hoog (teacher); Dana Reid; Jeremy Thompson (Community representative); Zoe Langevin (Outreach committee); Kylie Taggart (Book Sale & Outreach committee); Kathy Cowan (Outreach committee); Mike Zureik (Treasurer); Roselle Adler; Pauline Tweedie

Co-Chair update:

Anna Wilkinson and Mike Todd will not act as co-chairs next year.

Mike Zureik will also be resigning. Chari Marple, the secretary, will be leaving Mutchmor when her daughter graduates this year.

Principal's report

Mme Flannigan has starting to look at staffing. There is a new time allocation model so all slots are multiples of 20, which will make it easier to schedule.

Mme Flannigan has been asked to sit on an Early French Immersion (EFI) Planning Council with the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB).

It has not yet been decided how the school day will work with the new EFI program. Each school can decide how they will organize their day. Mme Flannigan will decide with the staff how the school day will be run. For example, it could be one day French, one day English, or it could be a half day French, a half day English.

Mme Flannigan does not foresee any difficulties with staffing.

Cross-boundary transfers have been increasing due to changes at Elgin Public School. The local superintendent will look at all the transfers in the downtown area before granting space.

Items arising from past meetings:

Sandra Lloyd, who did the presentation about insurance at the OCASC meeting, says the wine toss cannot be held at the school fun fair.

There is also no water source on the field for fun fair activities.

No new developments on:

- Flooring
- Lighting
- Crossing guards

School report

Basketball is under way, coached by Mr. McMann.

Running club:

- Grades 3-4 will train on the field with Mme Vanessa
- Grades 5-6 will go to train at Landsdowne with Mme Courtney and Mme Erin
- It will start at 8:15 am and take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- It will start April 11 and go to May 27

Ongoing student-led clubs:

- Dodgeball club
- Cursive writing club
- Writing and drawing club

Le Ridaine came to the school to perform this week. This is a French folk group that gave a concert and encouraged dancing. They continued playing even when the power went out.

Next week there will be a break dancing performance.

Treasurer's report

Mike Zureik reported on school council funds. All funds are in order. Outreach cheques were written this week.

Council approved that the remaining funds in the council's account (that is, not already included in the current budget) will be allocated to a new play structure. The play structure in the senior yard needs to be replaced in 2020. (moved by Mike Todd; approved by Mike Zureik; seconded by Kylie Taggart; all approved)

For more information on Council funds, contact mutchmorschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Committee Reports

Book sale

The sign is up. Collection starts soon.

Communication – we will contact First Avenue to try and get them to put information on the website. There will soon be more information on the Mutchmor site.

Dividers are needed to hide the storage area. They need to be secure. Shall we see if we can rent them? Make them? Dana will look at office surplus stores. Mme Flannigan said we might be able to store dividers after the sale in the multipurpose room.

Book sale volunteers can laminate posters. The laminator needs time (15 minute) to warm up and needs two people to operate it.

Money counting: The safe will be put somewhere where money can be counted behind locked doors. Mme Flannigan will look in to where it should go.

This year a courier from the bank can pick up the cash.

Entrance for Friday's sale – The public will come in through the Fourth Avenue parking lot entrance. Handicap entrance will be on Fourth Ave.

Fun fair

Keirsten Love continues to plan the fun fair. Volunteers will be recruited soon.

Outreach

Cheques will be sent to schools in Pond Inlet and Sioux Lookout, and to Ottawa Centre Refugee Action.

The philanthropy club hosted a movie night to support Ottawa Centre Refugee Action. They raised more than \$2,500.

Community report

Jeremy Thompson reported on community events. Elgin Street Public School is still trying to figure out if they will have a Kindergarten class next year, or if Kindergarten students will go to Centennial.

There is research into playgrounds that encourage risk-taking. Mike Todd noted that a playground committee will need to be formed soon.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room