

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Present: Isabelle Flannigan (Principal); Christopher Wereley; Dana Reid (OCASC rep); Kylie Taggart (Booksale and Outreach); Joanne Gallop (Secretary); Kate Binnie (Treasurer); Sheri Segal Glick (Co-chair); Adrienne Annan (Co-chair); Kiersten Love (Fun Fair), Irene Pijuan Aragon (Fun Fair); Kim Ascot (Teacher rep); Sam Iverson, Geoff Dunbar; Ariane Casey; Manny Arango (playground committee); Zoe Langevin; Kellylee Evans; Jeremy Thomson

Approval of minutes from March 29 meeting

Approved by Sheri. Seconded by Kylie.

Co-Chair update

Thank you to Kylie and the book sale team for all the efforts!

Junior yard situation: grass isn't in good shape. Chris W. will look into it with facilities. Isabelle pointed out that many community groups use it over the summer, so if we were to try to fix it over the summer, we'd need to do it in 2018 to give these groups the heads up. Some discussion around potential of turf vs grass.

Discussion around Council positions for next year. This is a tentative list based on people who have volunteered to commit/are leaving current roles. There will be a vote on these at the first meeting in September.

Co-chairs - Sheri and Adrienne

Treasurer - Kate

Secretary - Joanne

Playground committee - Manny

OCASC Rep – open for new people (Ariane is interested)

Outreach – Kiersten and Dana will join Kathy and Kylie

Engagement coordinator – Kellylee Evans

Community rep – open

Lunch Lady – proceeds in the past came to council. For next year, Isabelle has requested that the funds go directly to the school. Council voted – Approved by Kellylee, seconded by Kylie. Supported by all.

Principal's report

School Climate Survey – the school board has provided a presentation for school councils. Isabelle took Council through it. The survey alternates between student and parent responses, so student feedback is gathered every two years. Our surveys closed May 9. Results due early next week. Students in grades 4 – 6 completed the survey on iPads. Responses are anonymous and confidential.

Will highlight overall results at the next council meeting. Report will be posted on the school website. Staff will make a plan to tackle any issues for next school year.

Staffing for next year. Have received numbers and have divided them for next year.

5 kindergarten classes

4 grade 1 classes

3 grade 2

1 grade 2/3

3 grade 3

1 class grade 4

1 class grade 4/5

2 classes grade 5

1 class grade 5/6

2 classes grade 6

LST – 1.0

LRT 0.25 (from 0.5)

Rotary staff

EA – undetermined (currently 1.5)

Librarian – not yet confirmed, but likely the same as this year

Goal is to have as few different adults as possible in kindergarten. Result may be increased contacts for more senior students.

Lost & Found – new home. All reusable items have been laundered and delivered to Cambridge School. Thank you to Shirley Hamm for taking care of this :)

Birthday treats – Isabelle will communicate new approach in the autumn. (Suggestions to replace edible treats.)

Parking – 14 spots on site, but 35 spots are needed for the teaching staff. The school board has been paying for staff to park at city lot on Third or at Minto at Fifth and Bank. But they won't continue this next year. If parents want to offer up a driveway spot, they can contact the school with the offer.

School report

Book sale - staff expressed their appreciation of all the work and the books for the classrooms

Run club is running again

Basketball tournaments – next week.

Tech, tinker, flight, philanthropy all continue.

Track and field meet – June 12

Treasurer's report

Revenues – still approximate -

\$37,580 pizza

\$16,600 Book sale

Expenses

\$3K for school outreach

Book sale \$2K

Pizza \$21,500

Funfair \$500 – and more to come

Total to date – is still in line with budget

Committee Reports

Book sale

Funds raised – bank still counting because of all the small change and issues with the coin wrappers.

About \$13,900 cash. With the pay system \$2,700. – Total of about \$16,600.

Revenues were down this year, but we do see a fluctuation year by year.

The POS devices – went well and were easy to use (Isabelle had lent iPads). It cost \$40 of fees plus \$40 to use software, so was worth it, from a financial and customer satisfaction perspective.

\$1675 raised in cake raffle tickets.

Outreach

Cheques have been dispersed.

Pizza

No pizza people present.

OCASC

TBC (Joanne left the meeting before Dana provided a report. Will add the notes from Kylie asap.)

Funfair

Info to come out after long weekend – volunteers, wristbands etc.

We don't have a rainy day option. Decided that any money gathered will be donated to the play structure fund.

Community rep

Jeremy will step down next year as his child will be at the school. Looking for someone to be involved.

Keep in mind that this doesn't have to be someone who has a small child – it can be a grandparent, community volunteer etc. .

Jeremy is still looking into the afterschool care issue.

Playground committee

Committee has liaised with someone from Elgin who has completed a similar project.

Looking at funding – municipal and provincial grants

Also corporate fundraising is an option. Minto, OSEG, Sporting Life, etc. will be investigated.

Web donations – another option – for e.g. GoFundMe.

We'll need letters of support from elected officials, council, etc.
We'll also need to complete a 'Needs assessment'.

Committee needs:
Project coordinator
Proposal writer
Fundraising coordinator

Next step – outline a plan and recruit more folks to a playground committee.

Other business

Sam, Geoff, Zoe, Ariane – wanted to raise the issue of staying in at recess because of rain. Feeling is that the students stay in more often than they should and the downside of being wet in class is counterbalanced by the benefits of exercise and fresh air.

Isabelle will discuss it with the teachers at the next staff meeting. One concern is with the custodian – mud in the halls. Would need to communicate with parents as well – for prep reasons.

Forward action items

Chris to discuss condition of Junior yard with facilities
Isabelle to look into rainy day outdoor recess possibility
All – encourage others to join council/take on positions for next year

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 21, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room