

Mutchmor Public School Council

Meeting Wednesday, September 27, 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), Jennifer Ninacs (Teacher rep); Mike Todd; Kathy Cowan (Outreach); Jennifer Ninics (Teacher Rep); Kiersten Love (Outreach); Meghan Schreiner; Zophia Olszowka; Ariane Casey (Playground); Lisa Greaves; Sarah Dingle; Elizabeth Nicholds (Pizza); Sam Harris; Viviane Gaudreault; Irene Pijuan Aragon; Roselle Adler

Approval of minutes from June 21 meeting

Approved by Sheri. Seconded by Kathy.

Co-Chair update

Council Nominations

Many people are returning to roles this year including Co-chairs – Sheri and Adrienne; Treasurer – Kate; Secretary – Joanne.

Kellylee Evans has agreed to take on the role of Engagement Coordinator. (Adrienne to speak to Kellylee to see if she would like to split responsibilities with another volunteer.)

Lisa Greaves volunteered to take on the OCASC Rep position.

We are still searching for a Community Rep. Christopher will check with Miss Jo, and If that doesn't work out, Sam will check at the GCA.

[Committee roles – outlined below.]

Jackson Morrison – Fall contribution

Council has signed up for three 'acts of kindness' in November. If council members are willing to chip in funds, please bring to next meeting. If you have ideas, send them to Adrienne and Sheri. We will decide what our 'acts' will be at next month's meeting.

Tent - Teachers who organize events like Cross Country and Soccer tournaments had requested funds to purchase a tent for use at these events. (The outdoor venues have very little shade.) Council agree to this in June, and there was some back/forth over the summer as to which tent to buy. Adrienne will email Erin Mayo, who will purchase and be reimbursed by council.

Fundraising – A new suggestion for fundraising is Budding Artists. This company prints shirts, mugs, stationery etc. with your kids' art and the school gets a % of all sales. Sheri will contact the company – and share info so we can let school population know details.

Lunch Lady – Last June, Ariane reviewed this program and Mazola's. She did an analysis, and found that the two companies are quite similar, so we stuck with Lunch Lady. Ariane has worked with Lunch Lady to try to improve the healthy options available. Although they do make everything in house, there are some

things they bring in – e.g. sauces. This makes them less flexible than we might like, but they do say that they will accommodate any allergy that we request. We currently offer Lunch Lady on Tuesday and parents have contacted the company directly to request additional days. We decided to offer it on Fridays too and see if there is enough take up.

Ariane also suggested that the company provide a communication piece so that parents have a better idea of how healthy the food is, and we can share as appropriate.

If anyone is concerned about pizza being difficult to afford, but not wanting a child to miss out, please contact Isabelle. This fundraiser will accommodate all children in the school population.

Principal's report

We have 521 students in 23 classes this year, and it started very smoothly.

Chris and Isabelle went to a leaders' meeting at the end of the summer where they reviewed school Learning plans and Board Growth – focused on Math and student and staff well-being. Staff will form our school plan on the PA day next Friday, and will also review EQAO results.

FYI - Exit outcomes at the end of grade 12 are now being discussed with the students themselves, so they understand what we're aiming for.

School Climate – our survey in May showed results contradictory to what staff was observing. (Although consistent across the board). Students had reported more bullying, lower sense of belonging, lower sense of safety, and fewer positive relationships. Isabelle looked at the data at the board. Chris and Isabelle also met with students in grade 4 – 6. They found that the word bullying was being used more loosely /liberally than strict definition.

The plan is to do some education and speaking with the kids about these subjects. This will take the form of class discussions (for example, the difference between bullying and conflicts.)

Other strategies: taking control of lunch – talking after 10 minutes, and quiet when moving between classrooms. Isabelle is also looking into improving sense of belonging by introducing 'houses' in the school. These would be multi-level groups (think Hogwarts). Staff is still investigating whether or not this will work well at Mutchmor.

Isabelle submitted the school fundraising plan for the year. Includes Kindergarten – voluntary fee of \$20 and Grade 1 -6 \$10. Will also do another sale of school apparel. Details available from Isabelle.

School report

Teachers love the quiet lunch times – kids ready to start up again.

Soccer – all grades – in progress.

Terry Fox Run – October 5.

Cross Country meet on Monday October 16.

Book Club – Wednesday afternoons in the library.

Parking – issue affecting teachers. 46 staff | 21 spots. It's not so much the cost (although that is an issue), but the availability of spaces. (for e.g. the City of Ottawa car park on Third has plenty of spots but refuses

to let them out at a reasonable monthly rate.) Teachers attempting to park on the street have to run out every three hours to move cars, adding stress and taking away from prep time. Lisa will take the issue to David Chernushenko, Adrienne will speak to Alan Neal and Julie Ireton about getting some media coverage.

Treasurer's report

August 2017 - \$79,644

Amount raised - \$59,528

Amount spent - \$51,962

July 1, 2017 - \$87,028 in bank account.

Kate will do a review and send the required report to the Board.

Council discussed budget based on last year and Kate's review. Kate will update draft and circulate. Budget will be presented and approved at the October meeting.

Committee Reports

Book sale

Kylie Taggart and team. Sale booked for April 19 – 22. Meeting on October 5 to start planning. Always looking for people to volunteer. Email Kylie or visit the book sale site mutchmorbooksale.com

Outreach

Kathy, Dana, Kylie, Kiersten. On approval of outreach funds, the committee will meet to decide how to decide how to spend.

Pizza

Elizabeth and Jamie-Lynn. Orders are open online. Deadline is Friday October 6. Starts October 12. Looking for volunteers. Price increase in pizza is due to organic sauce and meat.

OCASC

Lisa has taken on this role. She'll go to next month's meeting.

Funfair

Renee Lortie is taking over as head of this committee.

Community rep

Searching for a new rep.

Playground committee

Ariane is going to lead this committee. She will need volunteers. Play structure is expected to need replacing as early as 2020.

Engagement

Adrienne will reach out to Kellylee re: Directory, Facebook and Twitter.

Other business

Roselle gave an update re: crossing guard at Fifth and Bank. She pushed to get a second review of the intersection, which happened in May. Study found over 200 children crossing, but as there were not at least two incidents of near-misses, the City will not provide a guard. (Yes, it does sound like a joke, but this is actually the criteria.) However, a new 120-page guideline book has just been released. Roselle is going to find out if it's been approved, because hopefully our study will then be effective. Roselle going to keep on it. A huge thanks to Roselle for keeping on this super frustrating job. It is VERY appreciated.

Forward action items

Adrienne to reach out to Kellylee re: Engagement role and School Directory.

Chris to speak to Miss Jo re: Community Rep role.

Adrienne to email Erin re: tent purchase.

Sheri to get details re: Budding Artists company.

Lisa to speak to David Chernushenko, Adrienne to Alan Neal/Julie Ireton re: parking.

Kate to bring budget to next meeting for final approval.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 25, 2017** at 7:00 in the Mutchmor staff room