

Parent Council Meeting: April 8th 2014

Attendance: Cindy Howell, Corrie McKenzie, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Kyna Boyce, Sheri Getz, Deb Adjeleian, Lusanna O'Shea, Trish Felker, Jennifer Graham, Leslie Claxton, Karen Bryan, Jodi Marrow, Katherine Shaw-Byrd

Welcome: 6:35

Additions to & Acceptance of Meeting Agenda: Spirit wear, Botwell family - to add to agenda
Deb Adjeleian, Trish Felker

Acceptance of March 18th Meeting Minutes: Jennifer Graham and Deb Adjeleian

Administration Report: Karen Bryan

Principal's report for SC April 8th

- NG is hosting drug awareness night for parents on April 30th—OPP is presenting
- staffing process for teachers has just begun. Our staffing was very generous—classes are full but we are generally within our projections once the dust settles in September. We will at the moment have 4 split classes, $\frac{3}{4}$, 2/3, 1/2, 4/5. Same as this year. The surprise is the smaller than usual grade 6 classes.
- EA staffing not started yet closer to May
- Education week---May 8th is festival day—same format, art auction with collaborative art pieces being created
- Teachers are actively planning their field trips and are very grateful for the donation to allow this to happen—some going on are Medieval festival –Upper Canada, Farm comes to town, Baxters, Saunders etc—some have asked if they use outdoor ed funding could they use your donation to bring something into the school for an experience????
- An additional VP is on board as per email...this is providing a learning opportunity for her—Ms. Doxey
- Volunteer celebration??
- Character Always awards----each class can nominate 3-4 recipients, teachers do try to make sure each child is recognized before year is up, reminder email was sent out to ensure that kids understand why they are winning the award. A concern of repeat recipients was brought up...to date 17 kids have been “repeaters” and we have awarded 5 certificates thus far for a total of approximately 300-340 award. Parents of the performing class are to be called to let parents know they can come and watch—this has been reminded of staff as there was confusion about calling the winners instead
- GIRLS INC coming in to do 4 workshops---with grades 1-6
- OPP KIDS program going on with Grade 6's
- Board issued agendas this upcoming year
- Planning for the Grade 6 Closing Ceremony—June 25th TBD (morning sometime with a dance in the PM)

Teacher's Report: Jodi Morrow and Katherine Shaw-Byrd

- Reviewed activities in classes JK - grade 6

Treasurer's Report & Financial Requests: (Trish)

- Reviewed income statement

- continuing to do well with lunch program and fundraising initiatives
- Pancake dinner - just paid out licensing fee
- Expenses - 610\$ invoice for lunch program
- Funding requests - added in levelled readers
- Funds available - \$23,000 less all things that we have approved, but have not paid out. Last four items (maple syrup, readers, banner, Cindy Murphy invoice) still to be paid out
- 5800\$ left to spend
- Cindy makes motion:
- \$1000 to tech
- \$2000 for kinder yard/outdoor classroom
- \$1000 outdoor equipment - balls, etc
- \$1000 to Bothwell family
- Sheri seconds motion
- motion passed (majority votes)

Discussion Topics:

- Plant and bake sale
- Cindy and Kyna - silent auction
- Plants - Lusanna
- Bake Sale - Rebecca Shams
- Basket - Jenn, Trish, Colleen

Make it Sow: Corrie

- Catalogues went out last Thursday
- May need some help organizing seeds when they come in

Maple Syrup

- syrup running
- no set date, but by end of April, it should be in

Parent University

- was cancelled as speaker was not well
- looking at planning for another date - will look at May 29th
- Parents reaching out grant - applications are due on May 16th. Kyna will work on this grant

Spirit Wear

- Trish - did not get spirit wear form out yet
- Need box of size samples for parents to look at
- Still want to offer spirit wear
- Can put a table at plant and bake sale

Lunch program

- lunch program is running fine
- Farm comes to town - pizza being held tomorrow

Book Swap:

- need more books
- last book swap was pretty busy

New Business: n/a

Next Meeting - May 13 2014

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:05 pm