

Parent Council Meeting
March 18th 2014

Attendance: Kirsty Phillips, Kyna Boyce, Deb Adjeleian, Sheri Getz, Susan Hum, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Corrie McKenzie, Carrie Bryan, Wendy Trayner, Dave Balfour, Trish Felker, Jennifer Graham, Paul Whelan, Leslie Claxton

Welcome:

- Kirsty welcomed everyone to meeting at 6:35

Additions to and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:

- Possibility of grant for next year's Parent University

Acceptance of February 11th Meeting Minutes:

- Trish Felker and Deb Adjeleian

Acceptance of Agenda:

- Kirsty Phillips and Corrie McKenzie

Teacher's Report:

- Carrie Bryan & Wendy Trayner
- Reviewed activities and events taking place in the South Branch classrooms

Administration Report:

- Dave Balfour
- IEPs go home approx 15 school days after report card go home - will be going home next week
- Dream Box - push this year working on math amongst students grades 3-6. School Board is piloting new program called Dream Box. Internet-based program which students can access in the classroom or at home
- Song Dave wrote - students joined in to sing. They have made a recording of the song. On April 2 and 3 a video crew will be coming to record a video of this song. Will be put on the Director's website

Treasurer's Report:

- Trish Felker
- Examined income statement
- Maple Syrup Fundraiser - expected to make approximately \$1600.00
- Pancake Dinner - made just over \$1000.00
- Examination of what we have agreed to fund this year
- Still have approximately \$5000.00 dollars that we can fund this year
- Wendy & Carrie - discussion of funding regarding outdoor space for an outdoor classroom. Various items that they would like to put into the outdoor classroom (e.g. easels for art space, chalkboard, dramatic play area, outdoor kitchen, music wall, water wall, flowers, etc). This is a long-term project. Numbers: \$6000.00 now.
- Kirsty - how do we put this on the books?
- Looking for a visual of what it is looking for?
- Can put something together to mail out to council

- Are we officially supporting level readers? Put forward motion to purchase level readers from maple syrup package (\$700). First - Kyna, Seconded by Deb. Motion passed
- Kirsty - motion put forward that with the extra \$3500, we have to spend, will wait until next meeting

Discussion Topics:

Updates and Reports

- No lunch updates
- Needing volunteers - need 2 for sub days
- Book Swap next week. Will forward information to Dave regarding Book Swap so that all teachers are reminded how Book Swap works. Remind students to bring books back.
- Parent University. Thank you to Kyna for arranging this. Weather may be an issue tomorrow. Donation was approved for the organization. If cancelled - will go out on Facebook, maybe stickers on agenda.
- Pancake Dinner. Feedback: Most of families came between 6 and 6:30. There was a good community feeling at the event. Starting and ending earlier would work better. May want to change the day as well (other community events were offering pancake dinners as well). Was a successful event. May need to increase sausage for kids (only got 1). Pre-sale is best, 50/50 raised 62\$, basket raffle was \$85. Need to put tickets out earlier. Basket raffle and 50/50 maybe in gym with announcements. Topic work discussing at a later time. May want to look at an end of the year bbq for first of June?

Discussion of School Council Fundraising

- Maple Syrup. 197 bottles, 20 8 packs and 68 butter, 5 of the one-gallon bottles
- Make It Sow: Going to move forward with this fundraiser. Pick up on May 10th (plant and bake sale). Once order is submitted, it will be 5 business days. Send out April 1st give a couple of weeks. May want to go over Easter so students can ask extended family members. Deadline will be April 22nd (no later April than the 25th)
- Spirit wear: interest in full zip hoodies - but will be costly.
- Plant and Bake Sale: Jennifer is looking for bodies to help at the various "stations". Susan had 8 people lined up, but three hours would not suffice. Craft shows are typically 6-8 hours. May need to do a smaller version open to school. Do we keep things as are 9-12, or add another aspect (e.g community market place) and if so do we extend for an hour? Will take the craft show off the table for this event - and look at smaller local vendors within the school. Will plan craft show in June.
- Dandelion Festival: Last weekend in May. Do we want to do something? Will skip this year. May look at presence at Canada Day parade
- Will discuss grant information next meeting.

- Next Meeting date: April 8th @ 6:30
- Close of meeting: 8:42 p.m.