

Parent Council Meeting: January 14th 2014

Attendance: Kirsty Phillips, Leslie Claxton, Sheri Getz, Lusanna O'Shea, Jennifer Graham, Breanne Munro, Lesley Wollenschlager, Kyra Streight, Kyna Boyce, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Trish Felker, Paul Whelan, Dave Balfour (Vice Principal), Chantal Matheson (Teacher Representative)

Welcome and call to order - 6:30

Introductions of Parent Council members and staff

Addition to agenda: put plant and bake sale back on, volunteer recruitment also added

Approval of agenda: Trish Felker and Jennifer Graham

Approval of minutes: Trish Felker and Jennifer Graham

Admin Report: Dave Balfour

- Exchange teachers are starting Monday January 20th . Lisa Peters returns Feb 3rd
- Reports go home on February 12th
- Kinder registration/open house is Feb. 11th at 6-7 pm
- working on the school yard, the thaw most recently helped but in the event folks wondered why children were in during warmer weather it was because of the yard. Very icy and when we sand it creates a mess in the school and on our children's clothing.
- January 27th is the next FOS school council meeting and is being hosted at SB
- SB is getting an AED installed in the next two months—this is a donation from Heart & Stroke
- Inclement weather procedures –see below (hot weather chart is available also--)

TABLE 6 – OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE ACTIVITY CHART

Outdoor Temperature with Wind Chill Factor

(as per local forecast)

Action re Outdoor Routines

Up to -20 °C with wind chill

Regular routine of outdoor recess/activities

-20 to -25°C with wind chill

Administrator discretion re outdoor recess/activities, may consider shorter outdoor exposure period

-25°C with wind chill and colder

Cancellation of outdoor recess/activities

(Exception may be made for preplanned excursions with supervising staff reducing outdoor exposure and increased monitoring)

- Electronic devices— Junior students are permitted to bring during prolonged indoor recesses---it really helps pass the time especially when in for a week at a time. Children are responsible for devices and of course have to follow the computer acceptable use contract

Teacher's Report: Chantal Matheson

- Reviewed activities in grades Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Reviewed clubs and activities
- Jump Rope for Heart January 16th

Treasurer's Report:

- Doing well financially
- Christmas shop and drop raised \$2310.95, up \$400 from last year
- \$37.65 from Mablels Labels
- Paid out an invoice for Winnits and 1/2 of our \$600.00 commitment to Leo Brooks drumming workshop
- On sheet - indicates what we have made commitments to, and what we have available to fund. Also looking at banner to purchase
- \$6600 to spend

Fundraising Discussion:

- last year – World's Finest chocolates
- Do we need to raise as much money as we have raised in the past?
- What type of fundraising do we want to do this spring - after March?
- Idea of Maple Syrup fundraiser
- Family day - may be a partner with staff at South Branch and Parent Council
- Frozen fruit
- Cookie doughs
- Discussion of fundraising needs from staff at South Branch - need of pea stone, etc. Before spring
- playground- comes out of school budget
- Tiffany Smith - 3-5 \$ per student (if board approves it). Chef a Ecole. For all students. Request for April 2014
- Idea of outdoor classroom. Used by all of younger students. Finish some areas that have been started - dirt, mulch, nature study areas, habitat gardens, loose parts play area. No money figure was given - whatever could be put forth
- Technology - lap tops are 7 years old, they are running the Smart Boards and will be done soon. Investment in Smart Board technology. Discussion of technology at South Branch. \$2000-\$4000 requested, for whenever it is available. Will not cover entire costs, but supplemented by movie nights. Current needs are 5 laptops and need to replace a Smartboard package, classroom ipads for junior teachers and 4 more ipads to

compete a classroom pack. We are coming up to a replacement year for technology.

- Request from Joanne O'Connor - for risers. Any money that could be put toward this would be appreciated.
- Request for outdoor sports equipment
- Books - PM benchmark books
- Motion put forward for funding for Chef a Ecole - by Paul Whelan, and Leslie Claxton, motion passed - up to limit of \$5 per child
- Further discussion of fundraising ideas held. Idea of a school/community event, chocolate bar sales, or combination, etc.
- Discussion of idea of a dinner. Idea of a spaghetti dinner that could be held in February (at end of spirit week).
- PC interested in idea of spaghetti dinner - Kyra to head up, with help from other members. Aiming to hold on the Thursday of spirit week - February 13th.

Discussion Topics:

- Parent University update - Kyna meeting with Erin this Thursday. Should we push Parent University to March? Yes, will push to early March
- Signage/banner - estimate of cost. Prices - 2x5 = \$85 6x3 = \$95. Motion forward to move ahead with banner - for 6 x 3. Trish Felker, Paul Whelan. Motion passed.
- Lunch update - need to recruit more volunteers. Need to thank our lunch providers - B & H, Subway, etc. at the end of the year.
- Book Swap- Volunteers needed for book swap program
- Next Newsletter - make a note that volunteers are needed for food programs, and book swap
- Open House for kindergarten - will put a Parent Council table out
- Book Swap for Feb will be moved, date to be determined
- May 10th - date for Plant and Bake Sale
- Motion put forward to put \$4000 into technology by Kyna Boyce and Trish Felker, motion passed.

New Business:

n/a

Next Meeting: February 11 2014 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm