

School Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019 @ 6:00
Sir Arthur Currie Public School

Attendees: Brent Potter, Amy Stevenson, Andrew Clark, Jacklyn Varanelli, Jessica Blair, Sue Bruyns, Cheryl Clark, Rie Skirakawa, Sarah Tilley, Sarah Cheatham, Anahita Rahimi, Christina Green, Carla Badawi, Amanda Sousa, Heather Davies, Brittany Truckle

Quorum Established (minimum 8 parent members of council who are not TVDSB employees): 14 members are not TVDSB Employees & 11 were in attendance

Accept minutes from last meeting:

- Amy motioned and Heather seconds

Playground update:

- We didn't win the neighbourhood vote (lost by about 50 or so votes) and we were having technical difficulties so we aren't sure that all the votes that we entered counted
- If we apply again next year we will consider if we ask for maximum amount again or not
- We had a great turnout at our voting party, probably about 200 people, we brought people together and met a lot of new families
- Council needs to pay for a custodian for that day-

Action: Melissa to connect with Joanne (Andrew motioned that we pay for it, Amy seconds)

Principals Update:

Upcoming events-

- Newsletter will go out over next couple days
- Dec 3-Gingerbread house raffle put on by K classes and holiday celebrations 5:00
- Dec 6- Grade 2 Culture fair in afternoon
- Dec 9-13 Book Fair
- Dec 10- Primary Grades Holiday Celebration/concert at 6:00
- Dec 12- Band/ Choir Celebration in evening at 7:00
- Dec 10-13 Theme Baskets on display /ticket sales
- Dec 18- Entrepreneurial Fair during day and open to community in evening
- Dec 18- Council Pizza Day
- Dec 20- Grade 4/5 sing song performance

Staffing-

- Sorbert leaving, Sims taking over
- Leeper going on MAT leave, not filled yet.
- Ms.Greb is on a leave, Ms. Hemming is going to be in the classroom for 2 weeks.

Treasure Update:

- \$2026 in account
- Indigo fundraiser will be a gift card for Librarian
- \$86 made from Samko & Miko sale

Committees –Updates:

- a) Active & Safe Routes to School
 - 2 submissions made to Health Unit re: active and safe routes to school
 - Mr. Dubois and Grade 3 class won \$150 for supplies
 - Gr 4 student won \$25 gift card for Indigo

Recent “Go Green Travel Clean” Party was a success with many kids winning prizes of raffle tickets to win baskets

- Student committee is named “Active Environmental Protector Team”
- Parking lot we encourage parents to use to park in has a pot hole that needs to be fixed

Action: Sue will reach out to Josh Morgan and Scott to see if they can work on getting it fixed

- Remember: Parking enforcement can happen via picture taken of your license plate
- Barrier curb to be installed in July 2020 in front of the school
- Our school/ neighbourhood does not qualify for a crossing guard

Action: Complete “Train the Trainer” to teach kids to present safety presentations to other children

- b) Fundraising Committee
 - Sold 55 pizzas on Wednesday
 - Current fundraiser is baskets

Action: Wrapping baskets Thursday and Friday, Carla booked a room

- Money to go towards Primary Arts and Junior/Intermediate STEM(Jacklyn motioned to use the fund this way, Amanda seconded)
- Motion made to sell raffle tickets online started Andrew, Amy seconded
- Discussion about pictures of baskets being posted
- Carla working on Best Buy possibly donating some money that can go towards ipads/chrome books
- Discussed the teachers wish lists (outcome of survey)

c) Well Being Strategy

- Presentation by Christina about the parent survey and what the biggest needs are to work on at the school
- Mental Health Week May 6-12 some ideas on what we could focus on
- Council would like to be made aware of plans re: mindfulness and mental health in the classrooms and want to know how we can support these initiatives as they align with what the survey outlined.

Action: Christina to connect with Frank about how council can be supportive

d) Parent Engagement Committee

- Wants more members to join
- Reported on feedback from Parent Engagement Forums held in November
- Themes appeared to be building community, coming together, celebrating and learning about the various cultures that make up SAC as well as fundraising
- Sue has looked into booking a Math night and other presentations
- Discussion around "Culture Celebration" night

Actions: Committee to look closer at data and pick out some trends or commonality in information gathered to discuss at next meeting

Need to apply for Parent Engagement fund, Sarah and Andrew are working on this together

Andrew will connect with SWIS worker who works with parents and their settlement needs and get more information about how to engage parents in school

Other Business

- Lunch Box Orders- not making as much money as we would like, only 60 families participate. We made \$500 in October and \$303 in November. We made \$400 off of one pizza day, so we make more with the pizza day as it is more reasonable amount for families to pay
- Idea to possibly do Council run meals 1/ week and only have Lunch Box orders 1/week but this would take volunteers to run them each week. We would need 4 volunteers/month.

Actions: Sarah to send out email asking for volunteers and if there are not enough we will stick to the same schedule, but if we get enough volunteers we will switch to parent run fundraising meals 1/week .

- On December 10th and 12th there are activities at the school in the evening and it is a good opportunity to sell raffle tickets and promote the silent auction (Basket Fundraiser). Volunteer sheet sent around the room to get people to sign up to help on those nights.
- \$55 raised for the neighbor who shovels the snow. **Action: Andrew will purchase the gift card**

Motion to end meeting

- Andrew motioned to end the meeting at 2010 and Amy seconded

Next Meeting is Jan 6, 2020