

November 18th, 2015 School Council Meeting Minutes

Chair Reprt

- Parent survey available at meeting for council members to complete. Also able to do at home as it is available on the school website.
- Cash online continued to be requested for parents to participate in. Even if the account is simply made and never used it's counted as a number for our school. We are at 70%.
- Healthy School Environment's Step for Success was discussed at the event in Eganville on Oct 22. They discussed the importance of providing the healthiest choices for students in all venues and events at the school ie. Hot lunches, rewards for students etc.
- PIC Committee is looking for new members. They help parent councils with initiatives and fundraising and any parents interested in attending are encouraged to do so. There are four meetings per year and they take place in different areas throughout Renfrew County.
- We are getting our newly purchased curtains next week and they will be up and ready for our Christmas concert this year. We can consider donating them to a textiles company called Bags2School that collects materials and gives money for them. A pick up date would need to be arranged to come and collect it.

Principal Report

- Our school has been randomly selected for an internal health and safety inspection. The school board internal auditor will be performing an internal audit on November 27th.
- Our snack program has been receiving bushels of apples as a donation.
- Staffing changes: Mary Greenaway will be moving to the role of intensive interventionist as of December 1st and Stephanie Engelberts will be returning from maternity leave November 26th and taking over Mary's Gr.5 classroom. Mrs.Pennock will remain as the kindergarten teacher instead of being replaced by Stephanie.
- Krista McKay's ECE position will be replaced November 30th in the interim by Tracey Jeror until January when Lauren Schmidt who is currently working an ECE LTO at St.Joe's will take t over until the end of June.
- Student climate surveys were completed by Gr.3 and up. A lot of the children are commenting on their enjoyment of the Chrome Books. In addition, we have many positive responses for feeling safe.
- For our school improvement plan we will be looking at self-regulation and inquiry.
- Today the EQAO results became public. Our school did quite well again this year. There are no provincial reports this year. The EQAO information is available online as well. The individual student results which will be sent home will come later.
- Our Dominos fundraiser earned our council \$1384.00. Our general account currently has \$10749.30. Our \$3300 for curtains has not yet been deducted or the \$3000 for tech purchases for the school. A 55 inch tv, teacher iPad, three mini iPads and cases have begun to arrive for the classroom. The primary teacher's training will begin next week. Our 25 Chromebooks have also arrived. Wendy Keuhl's class can now all be on

Chromebooks as can Whitney Boileau's and Jane Chaput. Mary Greenaway's classroom currently has 9 Chromebooks and some laptops from the library as does Jaqueline Ryan's room. We were also told to purchase safety carts for the Chromebooks by Health and Safety and two have been purchased.

- Christmas concert has been ordered online and downloaded onto class iPads using teacher's Google accounts. These songs can then be air played onto the classroom Smart TVs or Smartboards to practice in the classroom.

Fundraising Section

- 20 Dominos cards were purchased by the school. \$1384 was raised.
- Sens ticket forms will be sent out tomorrow. Many dates available with all different price points. The forms are due back December 3rd. Two price points, one is \$26 and the other is \$36. We make \$5 per ticket.
- Christmas concert raffle idea: Heidi did not raffle her parking spot as she felt it wouldn't be fair to the parents who attended interviews for Mrs. Johnson's class on the Monday evening, thank you to Jenny for preparing the raffle tickets, we will colour code them for which concert they are for, the tickets are for a set of four for all three shows, the tickets will be raffled for \$1.00 each, tickets will be available November 30th to December 4th and drawn on December 4th
- The Gr.5 and 6 classes will be participating in the social justice club again this year, Mrs. Engelberts will be taking this over on her return. Holly Murree has contacted The Fountain and they said food vouchers are always needed as well as hats and good quality mitts. The Gr.5 and 6s can also tour The Fountain and Food Bank during their closed hours if they like.
- Cathy Anas has suggested Helping Hands for the Holidays where a hand can be purchased for \$2 and posted up on a bulletin board. School council can also consider making their own donation to a community charity. The council will donate \$100 to the Social Justice Club for their fundraising.
- Are we planning a family movie night in February? Do we consider a more younger child friendly movie as many children last year seemed to be moving throughout the gym? Concern that doing it at the movie theatre wouldn't be profitable as we can't sell popcorn, pizza, raffle tickets. Can we still consider contacting the theatre to see what cost it would entail? We would need a microphone set up this time so we could speak to the crowd. Another concern was the sound of the movie was not loud enough so we would need to explore that this year as well as consider setting up a centre aisle so children aren't moving around the projector. Another concern to consider is February with winter boots. We could also consider setting up chairs instead and placing the tables with food and raffle in the lobby. We will further discuss planning a movie night in January, Heidi has approved us hosting this.
- Cathy Anas has the opportunity to purchase two advanced tickets for the Justin Bieber concert for \$175 each. This could be a first prize raffle for Mayfest. This may not be something all parents are interested in buying raffle tickets for. The council has decided not to participate in this purchase.

- We will also keep our ears open for any ski passes offered to the school to raffle as a fundraiser. Wendy Kuehl will email Calabogie to see if there's any incentives offered to our school.

Next council meeting will be a potluck in January. The date will be January 13th, 2016. A list will be sent out the first week of January for potluck sign-up.