

Moffat Creek P.S. School Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

In Attendance

Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler, Sue Van Wyngaarden, Jennifer Hacking, Tracey Walker, Christine Roth, Allan MacKay, Bobbie Chatha, Heather Peagram, Kelly Balsom, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sheri Green, Sonia Bryson, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Kristine Duench, Andrea Sherry, Barbara Verrall, Amanda Kelly, Sarah Peterson, Jen Almas, Lillo Ognibene, Melissa Whetham, Lisa Christy

Regrets

Sheetal Shenoy

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm.

February minutes approved.

Treasures Book Presentation

Marie from Treasures gave a fundraising presentation. The Treasures book is currently in its 11th edition. Each book sells for \$35 of which the school gets \$10 to \$16 depending on sales volume. If each student sold just 1 next year, estimated profit is \$9,600. If each family sold 2, estimated profit is \$12,000. Treasures offers prize incentives for children. Currently there are no other schools in the area working with them. Everyone in attendance received a free copy of the current book. After Marie left, everyone voted unanimously to go ahead next September for which we will receive an early signing bonus of \$525. Funds will be funneled into the Playground Fund.

Treasurer's Report

Jen presented and reviewed the updated budget. Noteworthy on the revenue side is a \$208 donation from students from the sale of pink anti-bullying t-shirts! Thank you very much! We are currently on track to set aside \$19,000 this year for the Playground Fund.

Council voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Rodenburg's request for alphabet painters. Some discussion ensued as to whether this request had been previously approved. It was decided not only to send out blue approval sheets but also to record approvals in the Minutes.

The deadline for submitting receipts for classroom resources to Monica is May 1. Again request forms are not required for field trip funding.

ACTION ITEM: Christine & Lillo to communicate May 1 deadline to staff.
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Council raised approximately \$550 from the Crabby Joe's fundraising dinners. Jocelyn has discussed improvements with Crabby Joe's management should we go ahead again next year.

Jen repeated the request to council members to consider serving as Treasurer next year as this is Jen's last year at Moffat Creek. Looking for someone to step up now to "understudy" Jen.

Teachers' Report

Lillo & Christine thanked Council for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon held Monday, April 7.

Dates to remember – Bake Sale for Grade 8 Trip April 10; Jump Rope for Heart May 1; Grade 8 Graduation June 25.

Track & Field will be starting soon. Many students participating in Music Mondays where children from school across the region sing the same song at the same time.

Committee Updates

Playground Update

Kristine Duench reported that two Fanshawe students visited the property during March Break. They have produced Form & Function drawings which were reviewed by the Committee. The Committee is currently looking at four sites: FDK play area, Primary play area, Junior / Intermediate play area and Nature Trail. Features of the designs include: seating & shade; possible wetland themed play area; pathways; looping nature trail; art project area; mix of passive and active play; major structural play element for each of FDK, Primary & Junior / Intermediates, featuring climbing, slides and berms.

Georgianne produced a Shade Audit which highlights some of our current challenges: wetness of the Primary and Junior / Intermediate designated play areas and possible environmental restrictions. The Committee was to meet with Rob Seeley and Dale Wideman from the Board on April 9 to discuss further.

The Committee's priorities are: to present Conceptual Plans and increase awareness at the Spring Fun Fair; to begin a Fundraising Plan; to provide shade for the FDK area & install a nature trail for opening in September 2014 using funds already set aside.

Movie Night Update

Principal Mackay will pay half of the movie licensing costs. Kelly Balsom reported that we had planned to host one more movie night this year.

Special Lunches Update

Sheri Green reported the Pancake lunch was a success. The remaining lunches are a Pasta lunch catered by the Lunch Lady in April; another grilled cheese lunch in May and a Pita Pit lunch in June.

Spring Fun Fair

Sue V. reported that Game Asylum has been reserved for the Fun Fair. Jenn H. has

prepared fundraising letters for the Silent Auction. Please advise Jenn of anyone you approach as she is keeping a master list. A Committee meeting was to be held immediately following the Council meeting.

Principal's Report

Staffing Updates

Allan is planning staffing for next year based on 551 students plus 2 French Immersion classes (Gr. 1 & 2) of 23 students each + 19 additional students = 616. Room changes are possible. Our capacity is 670 students so portables will likely not be required.

Parking Lot

Allan has put forward Amy Fraser's suggestions presented at the February meeting to Marilyn Allen, Lila Reid and Lauren Manske at the Board. The parking issue is on the list of Board Priorities.

Mike Jones of the Region was not able to respond by March 31 as previously committed due to the weather. He now expects surveys to be completed by the end of April and to provide feedback by the end of May. This was in response to the following:

- Traffic signal at Gatehouse & Myers.
- 40 km/hr speed limit and signage.
- School flashing amber.
- Sidewalk to Branchton along Myers.
- No stopping in front of school on the south side.

AED Device

An AED device has been installed by Ms. Eby Hodgson's room. 10 staff members have been trained in its use.

Safe & Secure Schools

Equipment has been installed in keeping with the new Locked Door policy being implemented in September.

School Improvement Plan

Bobbie distributed a hand out describing our School Improvement Plan and steps they are taking towards its achievement.

EQAO

Grade 3 testing will occur during the week of May 26. Grade 6 testing will occur during the week of June 2. The Ice Cream Social will occur on the last day of testing for each Grade. Each day of testing will have a separate theme (e.g., Dress Up Day).

Grade 8 Graduation

\$300 from Council will go towards food & decorations for the dance. Volunteers will be required to make cupcakes. School Council will consider sponsoring an award to recognize and outstanding volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

All Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8pm in the Library

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014