

Moffat Creek P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 12th, 2014

In Attendance: Sue Van Wyngaarden, Jocelyn Seeley- Baechler, Barb Hewitson, Carrie-Ann Delane, Kelly Balsom, Donna Allen-Rutherford, Sheetal Shenoy, Heather Peagram, Sheri Green, Jennifer Hacking, Grant Prince, Christy Phillips, Allan MacKay, Kristine Duench, Melissa Whetham, Tracy McGrath, Heather Simpson, Georgeanne MacGregor-Fox, Lisa Christy

Regrets: Sonia Bryson, Ms. Roth, Mr. O, Mrs. Chatha.

Welcome & Introduction: Meeting brought to order at 6:40pm. Motion to pass agenda.

Teacher Report: Mr. MacKay for Ms. Roth & Mr. O

- Many activities at Moffat Creek – senior girls and boys volleyball teams, playoffs in December
- Intramural Dodge-ball starting
- 3 Choirs – Primary, Junior and Intermediate
- PALS programme
- Senior: Homework club and “Mathletes” during Lunch hours
- Holiday Event in December – Survey done by teaching staff to look at ideas. There is Group of 8-10 teachers doing an event/concert-based performance during the day and an “Open House concept” similar to previous years - these will be in two separate blocks. Also, an idea for a passport concept for open house. **DATE TBA for Holiday Event**, will coordinate the date with the holiday gift store which is running *December 8-12th, 2014*

Community Representative Report: Barb Hewitson & Carrie-Ann Delane (YMCA)

- BRIGHT LIGHTS CAMPAIGN: running November 25th - December 6th – opportunity for families to give gifts to new immigrant families. Bright Lights Display – at the entrance of the YMCA.
- Laurier study on hold – The development study was for Children age 22 months to age 6, now on hold due to only 2 children will be attending Moffat Creek PS for follow up study.
- Jingle Bell Run brochures distributed

Treasurer Report: Jennifer Hacking and Kelly Balsom

- Budget report distributed. Opening Balance: \$20820.35
- Pizza Profit for October was \$ 2098.92
- Estimated funds raised for Treasures Books \$5000 – final amount TBA
- Three requests from Teachers:
 1. Ms. Malcho – requests classroom books (presume entire budget \$75). **Approved**
 2. Library - requested second set of Silverbirch Books Grade 3-6 (approx. cost \$100). **Approved**
 3. Mrs. Roth – asked for laminator and pages (Quote \$75 for Laminator from Staples) for use in 3 primary classes. **Laminator approved for \$75 for Mrs. Roth.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Moffat Creek Wetland Learning Grounds Committee Update: Kristine Duench

- Newsletter went home today with 2 pages about Moffat Creek Wetland Learning Grounds
- Plans are finalized

- **Follow the playground development on Twitter! @MCWetland**
- Many volunteers have come forward – with assistance in Marketing and Art Design (for Logo and Brochure Design). Brochure to be released soon.
- Playground slideshow (put together by Mr. O and committee) to be shown ahead of the feature movie on Movie Night Thursday, November 20th. The slideshow will also be shown in the foyer and during the Holiday Event.
- Fundraising Continues:
 1. Water Colour Auction – proceeds to be donated to the playground
 2. Evergreen Grant - \$3000.00 secured
 3. AVIVA Campaign – Moffat Creek has made the Semi-Finals! Thank you to all that voted. Cambridge Insurance will be donating posters and advertising to promote voting in the Semi-Finals. **Voting for the semi-finals starts again December 1st for two weeks **We need to make the top 40 to qualify for the AVIVA Grant****
 4. Working on Corporate Sponsorship packages

Thank you to the Playground Committee for all of their hard work and dedication to the development of the playground and ongoing fundraising

Treasures Book Fundraiser: Jocelyn Seeley-Baechler

- Treasures Fundraiser - raised approximately \$5000.00. Final numbers TBA.
- More than ½ of books were sold. School Council members have also sold books at the Market and will be selling books at a booth at the mall (at the end of November).
- Still in process of collecting books back from students.

PIZZA and Special Lunches: Heather Peagram

- November Special Lunch: Grilled Cheese – November 13th
- Pizza sales not as strong in November as were in September. There is a concern about School Day online ordering. It took many hours to sort through orders online etc... Will monitor.
- Issues raised: 1) Pizza quality, re-assessing vendor. 2) Returning to paper order forms and cash.
- **ACTION ITEM: Any ideas or suggestions about Special Lunches please contact the Special Lunch Committee members.**
- **ACTION ITEM: December Special Lunch TBA. Looking into a Pasta Lunch (The Lunch Lady) for December - SUE**

Movie Night Committee Update: Kelly Balsom

- First Movie Night is planned for November 20th, 2014 at 6:30pm. “How to Train Your Dragon 2”
- Thank you to Georgette for creating beautiful flyers/posters to promote Movie Night
- No Fee for this movie night – requesting a Food Bank Donation.
- Canteen – there will be drinks (Pop/water/juice) and food (Popcorn/Candy Kabobs/Chocolate Bars)
- All Welcome to join in making Candy Kabobs – Sunday, November 16th at 4pm at Jennifer Hacking’s house (please see Jennifer for her address)

Holiday Gift Store Planning: Sue

- Holiday Gift Store December 8th to 11th
- Receiving donations of lightly used and new items for the entire month of November. Accepting donations for all ages. No clothes. We have many books left over from previous years, so that was not listed in the newsletter as a requested item.
- Drop off table/area is in the Front Foyer of the school
- Comments made about the success of the previous years’ Holiday Gift Store. Children, staff and volunteers enjoyed! **ACTION: Volunteers needed for this fun event contact Lisa Christy.**

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools: Mr. MacKay and Sheetal Shenoy

- Main focus: Bullying, Cultural and Religious Sensitivity, Social Programmes, welcoming new families to schools.
- Art Based programmes, children create murals that promote inclusion. Art Show to share murals with the community
- Idea from council member to start programming for anti-bullying at the level of Kindergarten children. There are programmes in the school focused on anti-bullying and communication
- Playground tie –in: Buddy Bench being incorporated into Wetland Learning Grounds design plans.
- Action for MCPS: world concept, welcoming newcomers to the school.

Other New Business:

1. Fire Alarms – preparing for inclement weather, encouraging children to dress for the weather. Suggestion made to have blankets, foil sheets at an emergency exit or on a cart for children when outside during a fire alarm for prolonged periods in cold weather. Evacuation site is Holy Spirit.
2. Involving Grandparents – suggestion made to have a grandparent day, or visits to Retirement Homes. To promote involvement with the elderly, especially for children who do not have grandparents (ie/ out of the country). Idea: connecting this concept to literacy, sharing stories, crafts.

Principal's Report: Mr. MacKay

- Refer to Teachers report for additional details
- Ministry of Education: Physical and Health Curriculum development. Online survey. Requesting a parent volunteer to complete a survey to give ideas from parent perspective and review concepts in Health Education. November 12th to 28th, 2014. **Action: Donna Allen-Rutherford volunteered**
- District Review – November 13, 2014. School Improvement plan – posters will be posted around the school with educational indicators to support learning. Many team projects going on in divisions
- New Items: 1) Issues with heating system, specifically in the YMCA area. This is being addressed in the next few days. 2) Facebook page – requesting finalized information from the Board. Currently waiting for feedback about what is considered official board business/information. Mr. MacKay is concerned about monitoring information on this page. 3) The Region is meeting with Mr. MacKay about the ongoing Myers Road concern – Friday November 14th, 2014 9:30am. **Mr. MacKay will report back at the next school council meeting in December**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Month of November – Receiving donations for the Holiday Gift Store (school foyer)
- November 20th @ 6:30pm – Family Movie Night (How to Train Your Dragon 2)
- Holiday Gift store – Week of December 8th to 11/12th
- December Special Lunch – December 16th . Meal TBA

MEETING AJOURNED AT 8:00pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday December 10th, 2014.
6:30 to 8:00pm
School Library

