

School Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Attendance:

Krysten Piraino
Lyndsey Fougere
Liz Sider
Brenda Armstrong
Fiona McFarlane
Heidi Adams-Munn
Hollie Beales
Mallorie Dommasch
Kerilynn Bath
Sue Ryzebol

Approval of Agenda (Brenda, Heidi)

Approval of Minutes (Liz, Fiona)

Principal Update:

- **Santa Claus Parade:** Thank you to those involved in the Santa Claus parade - good feedback, we were the only local elementary school. Interest in doing it again next year
- **T-shirts:** Stevensville t-shirts are in. Bingo will cover the t-shirt cost (\$3100). We're looking for volunteers to hand out t-shirts and label t-shirts.
- **School Council Funds spent:** School council has helped to subsidize a number of costs (e.g. bussing to Fireman's park twice, pumpkin patch trip, maker space materials, library furniture \$3900, mats for gym)
- **Bingo Money:** Bingo money will cover otterboxes for kindergarten iPads \$450, and tech tub cart \$500, some maker space costs (e.g., printer \$2700)
- **Calendar fundraiser:** some of the funds raised will cover wall padding in the gym
- **Smartboards:** Kindergarten will be getting a new style smartboard
- **Maker space:** evolving space for "making" (e.g. simple machines, ozobots, using 3D printer). Benefits of "making" are working together, problem solving...a great learning experience.
- **Staff update:** Lauren Arnold has returned to grade 6/7. Mr. Epp went to Peace Bridge.
- **Construction update:** They've fixed the drain and painted the lines. Town is aware of the crosswalk safety issue. It will be looked at in the spring.
- **Safety update:** parking lot safety is still a concern. Reminder in newsletter to be careful when picking up and dropping off.
- **Snow removal:** Snow removal was an issue, but hopefully it will improve now that the first snow is out of the way.
- **Pond Area:** Pond area has been closed off because a tree has been hanging. Board has been out to see it.

- **Puddles on Main St:** The puddles are technically not on school property, but James will call again about the drainage on the sidewalk
- **Principal's Week at a Glance:** The week-at-glance seems to be working, parents find it helpful but there are things that come up that don't make it on there
- **Grade 8 course registration:** GFESS will come in and help students to pick their courses
- **Work Action:** Business as usual, just affecting professional development right now.

Around the Table:

- **Fundraiser:** Ticket sales have been going well. We've sold around 250 tickets so far and we sold 500 last year. Hopefully more come in.
- **Field trips:** Gr 6 went to Art trip at Living, Intermediates did team building at Living, Intermediates will be going to Quebec (1 bus so far, lots of deposits in). Gr 4&5 will go to Living Campus, Gr 1-2 will go to St. John's Centre, Gr 3 will do Swim to Survive in spring. Question about Gr 3 students going to Black Creek village or Jordan School house or Balls Falls. Some teachers have booked scientists in school (Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Vanderwerf)
- **Playground Closed for Winter:** Playground was closed before it was rototilled, and closed now that it's frozen. Students are allowed to play in the snow but not on the playground. There are many "tarmac only" days and students come home dirty, but it's great that they're able to get outside.
- **Winter activity days:** Will be class by class.
- **Cars speeding at drop off:** James will send reminder for cars to SLOW down. We can ask again about getting a crossing guard.
- **Dismissal procedures:** There is more room on Main St. for parking but the challenge becomes dismissing some students out the front doors and being able to supervise dismissal effectively.
- **Halloween candy:** The issue of candy became a negative and there was a lot of miscommunication. Discussion around issues of safety, student allergies, promoting healthy foods and students having self-control to not eat the candy that they're given. General consensus is that it's okay one way or another, as long as there is clear communication ahead of time.
- **Haunted House:** Good feedback. Kids enjoyed.
- **Diabetes Day:** \$620 was raised for JDRF. Thanks to those who have contributed.
- **Milk Program:** No one to take it on.

Upcoming dates:

- Nov 28- Grade 8 Open House at GFESS
- Nov 30 - Jersey day (grades 1-8), PJ day for Kindergarten
- Dec 3- Last day for gift card order & boys volleyball at Eastdale SS
- Dec 10- K-5 School Concert

- Dec 16- Sock Day
- Dec 17- Hat Day
- Dec 18- Red and Green Day & IMatter assembly
- Dec 19- Sweater Day
- Dec 20- Movie/PJ Day & Last day of classes