

Keewatin Public School

School Council Minutes | January 22, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Heather Mutch, Alexis Boucha, Shayla Smith, Tekla Rundle, Colleen Randall

REVIEW PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Heather reviewed with the list of past and upcoming activities and other notes from her Principal's Report. Some items discussed included:

- Turkey Feast: For next year we suggest that all classes attend in staggered intervals to help prevent the long line-ups that we experienced this year. We also suggest that parents/family be directed to join their child's classroom when they arrive—whether their child's class is still in their room or have moved to the gymnasium.
- Christmas Parade: Next year ask organizers to consider the age of children when determining the float order to avoid being next to another overly loud display.
- Skating Days: To assist our youngest skaters, Alexis will put a request on Facebook for more 4 gallon pails and Shayla suggested council pay for the purchase of a half dozen or so collapsible skating aids.
- Kindergarten Registration: Alexis requested extra copies of the completed Buddy System booklets (coming in February) to have on-hand at Aboriginal Head Start.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Heather reviewed the financial reports with council. Of note, the Canadian Lifesaving Society donated \$2,000 to Keewatin Public School for swimming lessons, which combined with the fundraising from Community Family Fun Day will more than cover the costs for swimming lessons in 2018-19.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST / EASTER FUNDRAISER

Council discussed hosting a pancake Easter breakfast as a fundraising effort to replace the Luck of the Irish draw. We agreed upon the event date for **April 14, 2019** from **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** and that this would be an event open to the public.

- \$5 / kids plate and \$10 adult plate.
- Bring a non-perishable food donation.
- Egg hunt with eggs colour-coded by age, and a 'collect 4 eggs to receive your prize' type of hunt so older kids don't collect everything.
- See if Frosted Foods will donate the protein items—bacon, ham, sausage, etc.
- Create pre-order forms to have an idea of numbers?
- Make a donation to receive a ticket for an easter basket.

MEMORY BOOK

Council briefly discussed the idea of a memory book to be sold as another fundraiser to replace the Luck of the Irish draw. Shayla presented printing costs (\$1,140 to

print 250 copies of a 32 page book) and suggested a retail price around \$12-15 per book, with all copies pre-ordered. Shayla agreed to begin collecting photos from staff to begin designing.

PLANTERS

The idea of building planters for the front face of the school was again discussed. Fundraising options will be addressed at a future meeting. Plant suggestions included rhubarb, horseradish, chives and mint—non-flowering, annual options that will require minimum care. It was also suggested that we address the lack of ‘forest’ at the front of the school and consider tree planting in the spring. Will need to determine which species of tree are best suited for that area and soil.

FLU CLINICS

Shayla asked that we request the Northwestern Health Unit host flu immunization clinics at the school next year.

FOREST SCHOOL SIGNS

Colleen opened discussions about signs for all of the Forest School locations. She has discussed with the Mink Bay Trails committee, who agreed on the idea. Colleen and Shayla to further discuss design and construction costs.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT 6:30 P.M.