

Keewatin Public School

School Council Minutes | March 26, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Heather Mutch, Alexis Boucha, Shayla Smith, Tekla Rundle, Colleen Randall, Sandie Carlson, Jackie Chalkley, Brigitte Prosser, Tara Vandall, Crystal Giesbrecht

REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

Key discussion points were the upcoming retrofits to the Kindergarten rooms and additional child care spaces. Final plans for the retrofits will be determined (in part) by the number of registrations for the 2019-2020 school year.

REVIEW PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Heather reviewed the new and upcoming school activities. Highlights included:

- Bus Safety Day: Colleen indicated that it was successful and that the kids really enjoyed it and were very well behaved. Alexis noted that the grade 4 – 6 classes (who were at a different location) found the experience overly chaotic.
- Festival du Voyageur: Was organized by Brandon Woods and was considered very successful. Kids participated in a variety of activities and help to make (and eat!) bannock and ham/pea soup, among other things.
- Upcoming projects: OPHEA healthy schools certification; a Forest School learning lodge (local Elders coming to advise); and the Primary wing retrofits.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sandie reviewed the financial reports with council. Highlights included:

- Balance of the Family Fun Day account is at \$3,297.81 and includes the \$2,000 funding from the Canadian Lifesaving Society. Only Kindergarten lessons/transportation remain to be paid for this year.
- Hot Lunch account balance is \$5,953.83. As the program is no longer run through this account the balance can be spent and redistributed. Colleen suggested purchasing some good quality outdoor toys. Shayla & Colleen suggested custom, high quality fire pits and good outdoor cookwear for Forest School. Portable musical instruments were also requested by the staff. Jackie suggested we collect wish-lists from each of the classrooms and determine how the money will be spent based on individual classroom needs.
- Parent council account balance is \$172.
- 50/50 Lottery accounts have a total balance of \$3,383.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST / EASTER FUNDRAISER

Council confirmed details, including:

- Alexis to request breakfast sausage from Frosted Foods.
- Colleen will purchase pancake mix from Cosco.

- Large quantity of maple syrup already available in the lunch room.
- Shayla will complete advertisements for posting online and around the city.
- Drinks served will be milk, water, coffee and tea.
- Will need to confirm the number of eggs available to hide prior to the event. Will more need to be purchased?
- Paper plates (instead of Styrofoam) and reusable drink cups from classrooms.
- Will need to see if Patrick can dress up as the Keewatin Cougar to hide the eggs, or if some of the grade 5/6 class can volunteer to hide eggs.
- Shayla & Alexis will cook the pancakes.
- Alexis will pick up a variety of prizes from the dollar store.
- See if Andy's class can create signs.

Volunteers will meet on **Saturday, April 13** to help set up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kindergarten fundraiser: Crystal leading a fundraiser for Kindergarten; sale of Silver Soul Creations between April 1 – 19; 20% of all sales goes back to the Kindergarten classroom.
- Staff appreciation: Council will host a Staff Appreciation Breakfast for first break on Friday, May 24.
- Community Family Fun Day: Shayla will organize a Google drive for the event; will discuss the 2019 event during the next council meeting.
- Forest School Bussing: Jackie requested information on what kind of bussing may be available moving forward and for older children. Discussed an email campaign for parents to request additional bussing from the consortium.
- Tree Canada Grant: Discussed moving forward with this for the 2019-2020 year; would like to see the front school yard reflect the values of Forest School with more natural landscaping, shade for the kids, native tree species, a gazebo.
- Website for School Council: Briefly discussed the creation of a website for the school council as a way to provide more detailed information to parents/staff of KPS about the school calendar, events, activities; possibly a method to ensure more permission slips are available and a way to make donations to the school.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 28 AT 6:30 P.M.