

## **Saginaw School Council Minutes September 26, 2016**

**Attendees:** Erin Bell, Karen Neumann, Alana Bowering, Sam McGowan, Steve Hookey, Anita Langlois, Anita McKee, Heather Amodeo, Angela Haddock, Sarah Waite, Deb Hedges, Cherry Muir, Kyle Dearlove, Lindsey Oretan, Tammy Pendergast, Krista DeMerchant, Paula Bender, Carolina Miranda, Lisa Glew, Melanie Lumsden

#1 Introductions – 20 people in attendance

#2 Approval of June Minutes  
- Lisa Glew and Tammy Pendergast

#3 Revision of School Council Expectations – Melanie Lumsden

#4 Financial Update – Anita McKee  
-\$15 389 balance in budget  
- some items approved from last year that are yet to be purchased (approx. \$8000)  
- Handwashing Kit approved for purchase last year; Alana Bowering has contact information for the kit to be borrowed from the Region of Waterloo, free of charge, sent by courier

#5 Fundraising – Deb Hedges  
- QSP Magazine and Tasty Batters Cookie Dough sales, on currently  
- Link to QSP on School Day  
- Delivery date for cookie dough is Dec 6 between 3pm-6pm at Saginaw

- 31% profit on magazine sales, 35-40% on cookie dough, sales depending on quantity sold
- Potential new idea for next year by Kyle Dearlove – Fresh from the Farm. Families can buy local produce at a 40% profit to the school.
- Other fundraising at Saginaw; Pizza Days, Groove-a-thon
- Suggestion for option to donate rather than participate in fundraising, funds would go to Waterloo Educational Foundation (\$4850 currently in account)

#### #6 Greening Expansion

- Rob Seeley from the Board of Education came to review with Erin
- Would cost approx. \$35000-\$40000 for new equipment/expansion
- Suggested outdoor stage, cost approx. \$6500

#### #7 New Playground owned by City of Cambridge

- must be supervised during school hours, won't likely occur until next year
- can be used during gym or with teacher during school hours
- unable to use after first frost

#### #8 Elections

- Chair: Melanie Lumsden
- Secretary: Lisa Glew
- Treasurer: Anita McKee
- Support Person: acknowledged that Maria Filippone will occasionally attend
- Student: idea of rotating student in older grade

- Community: acknowledged that Fiddlesticks would like to be involved at Saginaw

#### #9 Principal Update: Erin Bell

- PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) is looking for members
- Strategic Plan; focus at school is Math due to 50-55% of students achieving at provincial standard or level 3, lead Math teachers for professional development, 60 minutes more instructional time in Math per day, support by consultants, Dream Box for Grade one and two students
- Well Being of students and staff is another focus; cognitive, social, emotional & physical well being, “Umbrella Project” is being suggested by Andrea Shantz (ties in with well being and concept of growth mind set)
- EQAO results will have gone home, rep to share school results at next meeting

#### #10 Other Items:

- Parent Reaching Out Grant of \$750; could go toward Grade three Math kits or \$500 towards a Math Night at the school, hands on event where students and parents come to learn how Math is taught
- Book Fair (Scholastic); looking for someone to run it
- Line Painting; had been approved last year, Erin looking into cost
- Suzanne Williams Tribute (Cherry Muir and Krista DeMerchant); proposal for tribute to founding principal who passed away in the spring, approved by Council to purchase a tree in her memory, sub-committee of Cherry, Krista, Melanie and Tammy has been formed to work on details such as a ceremony and picture by her plaque in the school

- Mme O'Neil requested Home Reading books for higher levels, more clarification needed
- More spirit days requested by Tammy, Erin will look into it

Next meeting: Monday, October 24 at 6:30pm