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Saginaw School Council Minutes November 28, 2016

Attendees: Erin Bell, Karen Neumann, Anita McKee, Heather Amodeo, Deb Hedges, Lindsey Oretan, Tammy Pendergast, Lisa Glew, Melanie Lumsden, Kirstie Slaney, Dawn Wilshire.

- #1 Introductions - 11 in attendance
- #2 Approval of minutes – Anita and Karen
- #3 Financial Update
 - \$13 000 in account, yet some spending not yet accounted for
 - \$6000 balance
 - Pizza and Book Fair \$ accounted for
 - \$5000 from last year's Groove-a-thon, Erin seeing where needs are for technology, waiting for Chrome books
 - \$1000 for Home Reading still to come out, as well as \$200 for whiteboards
 - potential focus could be Math kits for Gr 4 and up
- #4 Greening Options
 - limited options due to guideline changes
 - outdoor stage would cost \$3500
 - interest in outdoor basketball area; would need pad of asphalt for half court or put it where 3 holed hoop is, needs to be checked by Rob Sealey, \$1200 each for hoop, \$400 for pavement, total of \$4-6000 for half court or \$3000 on current pavement
- #5 Fundraising
 - Deb working on final #s for QSP but estimates it to be \$2851, \$7708 in sales, 40% profit on cookie dough
 - Book Fair successful
 - Reo Thompson mint smoothies for December
 - Groove-a-thon potentially on Feb 14; Karen, Lisa to help, need DJ equipment from Fiddlesticks
- #6 Waterloo Region Association for Parent School Council
 - 3 year strategic plan
 - promoted book "Happiness Equation" by Neil Pasricha
 - part of Digital Citizenship Summit with Jennifer Moss who is a 'happiness expert'
- #7 Principal Update – Erin Bell
 - Well Being Focus; healthy schools, positive mental health, equity and inclusive education & safe, accepting schools
 - Umbrella Project; \$500 resource approved by Council, emphasis on empathy and perseverance, colour zones introduced by Mr Runstedler and will be discussed at upcoming Council meeting
 - Nutrition for Learning; there is a need for it at Saginaw, receive \$400/qtr, then in-house fundraising, volunteer to purchase food once per week from four food groups, could come from Caring Account in the meantime.
 - Full Day Kindergarten (FDK); explanation on how to understand new report card will be coming to council in January
 - Technology; digital learning symposium in mid-November related to coding, "How To Code" teaches kids about coding, program from McMaster
 - Artshine; coming to Saginaw in December
 - Potential for Little Jammers beginner guitar program

Next Meeting – January 31st at 6:30

