



School Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

Present:	Erin Bell (Principal) Cynthia Montanaro (Chair), Kirstie Slaney (Treasurer) Jacki Ross (Secretary), Niveen Shrem, Herdip Pandya, Mary Thompson, Paige Winklemans.	
Guest Speakers:	NA	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Person Responsible, Action & Target Date
1.0 Welcome & Approval of Agenda/Minutes	Introductions by everyone. Agenda approved.	
2.0 Principal's Update 2.1 Progress Report Interviews: Tips for Parents 2.2 Kindergarten Self-Regulation Program 2.3 School Based Learning	<p>Progress Report Interviews: Tips for Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most important part is the Next Step or Goal Setting on the learning skills and work habits - As long as the student is progressing well, they're on target with their learning goals <p>Kindergarten Self-Regulation Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applied for this program, and we were accepted as part of inquiry project - Self-regulation data is being collected about the students pre and post investigation sessions - Staff will be interpreting and analyzing data, and receiving professional development to support their students learning in connection to self-regulation - End of the year a follow-up investigation will see how much they learn in regards to self-regulation - More information will come as they come out as project rolls out <p>School Based Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on computational strategy and problem solving and persevering with problem solving strategies when they get stuck on multi step problematic situations. 	

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<p>2.4 PD Day</p> <p>2.5 Social Thinking</p> <p>2.6 Walk to School</p> <p>2.7 Special Event Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 2 -6 teachers have been participating <p>PD Day Nov 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking about self-regulation and persevering when experiencing challenges with problem based mathematics - January council meeting Phil Guse, Saginaw teacher, will be going over the seven self-talk strategies. - Supporting learning disabilities within mathematics <p>Social Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech and language pathologists coming in to work directly with students around collaboration strategies, 21st century skills <p>Walk to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drive to 5 initiative is in the works - Signage to notify parents of walks up to 5 mins away to try and promote better traffic flow for safety around the school - Traffic calming meeting on Nov 28th from 630pm-8pm to go through a job list. Looking for volunteers. Already attending are Alana, Nicky, and Chris (potentially Niveen). - Group of volunteers needed to find safe pathways with appropriate parking <p>Special Event Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivational Speaker Sara Westbrook. Will explore if appropriate for elementary school setting. For future discussion. 	
<p>3.0 Standing Items</p> <p>3.1 Financial Update</p>	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QSP \$3,700 bringing bank account to \$17k - School requests: Data projectors (approx. \$400 each), Home Reading (Levels 1-5), Forest of Reading Future (book award, \$60 fee), Screen for gym, furniture for blue/red clusters (blue is the priority, approx. \$6k), and carpet cleaner (\$3,500). - Go forward with the projectors, forest of reading, and blue cluster furniture. - Naveen may be a connection to donate money for school carpet cleaner. If no donation, council will support the purchase. 	

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3.2 Fundraising & Events	<p>Pizza Thursdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going well. <p>QSP Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pick up on the 20th. Drop off is between 10-2, parents can pick up between 3pm and 6pm. Angela is coming to help. 18% participation rate, only 77 students. <p>Book Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current event Nov 12-15th. - Much better than last year. Only 10 students at a time to visit library, controlled the flow of kids and made it easier to manage. <p>Movie Night + Kernels Popcorn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coming soon Jan.24th. - Further discussion next meeting. <p>Groove-A-Thon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coming soon Feb.14th. - Further discussion next meeting. <p>MacMillans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coming soon Mar.18th. - Further discussion next meeting. <p>Laura Secord Chocolates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan 28-Feb 8, send with oldest child and only as an opt out. Send the opt out forms directly after the beginning of the year. Doing the \$5 bars. Write in the opt out what we are fundraising for. Kick off on January 24th, 16 classes, 10 minutes each class. Erin will try and pull some classes together (9 groups a total of 90 mins). <p>Grade 6 Graduation + Yearbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last year was yearbook and pen. Option is to do a t-shirt and sign the shirt this year. Organize an end of the year party. Ask the kids if they'd prefer the t-shirt or the yearbook. Mary to help organize. Cynthia to send Mary planning information for grade 6 yearbook and grad info. Kirstie has a local contact for t-shirts. Mary and Jacki will work on a yearbook option. <p>Saginaw Stars BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting for general contractor to confirm if we will have the space or if we need to contact Clemens to borrow their school. 	<p>Lead: Lisa</p> <p>Lead: Kirstie</p> <p>Leads: Nikki & Alana</p> <p>Leads: Angela & Dawn</p> <p>Leads: Kirstie & Lisa</p> <p>Lead: Cameron</p> <p>Lead: Jacki</p> <p>Leads: Mary & Jacki</p> <p>Lead: Kirstie</p>

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	<p>Bingo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to go ahead with application. Can sometimes take years. Mary to send details for Erin. 	Lead: Mary
4.0 New Business	<p>Council Positions for 2018-2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kirstie to help cover Cynthia as necessary <p>Council Board & Suggestion Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion was made to increase council presence in the school. Erin suggested we can use the board at front entrance. Erin also found a potential suggestion box from Staples that we could place near the board. We can inform parents about council role, meetings, upcoming events, and perhaps a “Did you know” section every month. <p>Communication Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginning of the meeting we had an open discussion about communication strategy, both traditional and digital, to keep parents up to date about school events. We discussed how to notify parents about council meetings and brainstormed options for distributing minutes. Erin mentioned that making the minutes more available than our current methods (website) would potentially confuse parents as they won’t have context of our discussion. 	Lead: Mary
5.0 Next Meeting	December 12, 2018	
6.0 Meeting Adjourned	8:40pm	