

School Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

1. Welcome

Jamie Roque - Chair
Christine Maurice – Community Representative
Kori MacNeill – Parent Rep
Amanda – Parent Rep
Scott Booker –Parent Rep
Susan Cousineau – Principal
Shannon Lafrance – Teacher Rep

2. Approval of Minutes – No minutes/ No quorum

3. Principal Profile 2016-2017 Budget

(Some examples of ways that other school council has thought about using budget – some proposals they have done)

- Community Use of Schools – Budget Proposal to be approved by the board – Parents wanting to coach
- Bussing – outlying areas for participating in field trips
- Submissions are due by February 5th
- Ideas?? As a school council we might want to revisit the Pro-Grants (working with Pinecrest – working together to submit requests or proposals)
- Parent engagement (e.g. literacy night, math night – spaghetti dinner)
- School Council is given \$500 for parent engagement activities (e.g. math kits for students)
- Next Book Fair – Scholastic Book Fair – April 4th

4. PIC meeting – Poverty – Presentation Judy Noble/ Christina Rivard - Barriers to Learning

- As school council how can we engage students that come from lower socio- economic backgrounds?
- Awareness of Barriers

- Northern Fruits and Vegetable Program started today –Ministry of Health
- Christine Maurice talked about a program she heard about snack bags coming home for the weekend, which is run through the parent council “take a back pack.”
- Breakfast program – can we do this again? Something we’ve had in the past. – More volunteers would be needed and it has been difficult getting people to commit to coming in often to run these programs.

5. December Debrief

- Doubled our goal for the Food Drive with 7819 can donations.
- Many amazing activities in the school this year, which motivated the students to want to bring in donations.
- Our 1st Redwood Family Dance had an amazing turn out. It will be something that we will continue to do as a yearly tradition. Great feedback from the community.
- Christmas Concert again was standing room only. Our community enjoys our annual Christmas Concert.

6. Fun Fair – May 19th, 2016

- Sponsor letters need to be sent out to ask for donations – everyone on parent council to take 5 letters and go out and ask 5 businesses for donations
- Canadian Tire – point cards – redeem them to donate their points to fun fair – put it on Facebook / newsletter
- Can we set up an online donation? – Jamie said probably need a year in advance to do that
- Possibility of a Loonie day/ quarter day – to get money donations towards the fun fair???
- Ask Cindy Plint about collecting the Canadian Tire Money
- Fun fair committee???. Try to get the word out there to be able to continue the discussion and continue to brainstorm ideas (Amanda – photo booth, music/band)
- Chair – Amanda willing chair Fun Fair

7. Bingo Update – Volunteers?

- Letter will be going out again for volunteers
- We are starting again February 6th
- Lisa Fournier is trying a new way this year where she has provided all the dates to the volunteers and asked them to schedule which days they can work so that she can fill in the schedule for our days
- Nights have changed from Friday's at 2:30 to Friday and Saturdays 10:30 pm or 6:30 pm

8. Book Fair – April 4th tentatively

9. School Announcements

- Kindergarten Open House – Jan 19th 5:30 -6:30
 - welcome to join and represent as a part of the school council
 - mentoring new parents
 - set up a table – with items such as calendar, most recent school newsletter, book fair, and bingo, Facebook like cards/ website
- Making It Count - Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math
-kit given to Jamie to share electronically with council
- Report Cards- Feb. 24th