

School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 25th, 2018

Welcome and Introductions:

All council members introduced and new council request forms completed.

2018 Election of Chair, Secretary & Treasurer:

Elections were not required and the following positions were by appointment:

Co-chairs: Jennifer Johnston & Corryn Mounstephen

Secretary: Kristin Stouffer

Treasurer: Adam Johnston

Principals Update:

- a) September Shuffle: 393 students this year; 8 portable; student shuffle took place as teacher was added to Grade 5 - Mrs.Svanda from Regent Park – she is a great fit to our school and comes with lots of Junior experience
- b) EQAO results: Grade 3 & 6 data - reading and writing doing well, Math continues to be a priority and will continue to be a part of our school action plan; Dianna has printouts of bar charts showing results
- c) Fundraising plan: Updated from last year to reflect what we made last year. This plan gets submitted to the board. All changes need to be improved by superintendent. Identify where we're raising money and where the money is going. What we have looks good and the Bazaar brings in so much that we feel that we don't need to add anything and nickel and dime the parents all year long. Dianna handed out a printout of the Fundraising plan for the year. An annual report posted to the website under school council.
- d) New No Parking Zone: Don't park there ☺ Maybe put pylons out on pizza party night and other events. Put pylons in the budget? Get the fold up ones. They carry them at Workplace Authority (Cookstown Outlet mall).
- e) Spirit Wear: available at the pizza party next Wednesday. Sizing samples will be here. Order forms and on school cash online.
- f) Bees are under control now. A number of kids were stung on the first day of school.

Pro-Grant 2018/2019:

PRO Grant: Parent Reaching Out Grant – can get a \$1000 from the Ministry

Math/Science night with Guthrie and East Oro this year.

Applications for following year go in next Spring

Keep an eye out for a speaker or something more specific in Math, whatever...anything that brings people into the school and involves parent involvement.

Review of W.R. Best and Landmark Relationship:

Parents have concerns about late buses etc.

When you address the school vs. when you address the bus company

Any concern can come through the school and the school will get in touch with the bus company. Student behaviour issues are brought to the principal's attention by parents or by the bus driver. Students are the school's responsibility in terms of code of conduct. In the past it's been loose in terms of students riding on other student's buses but they won't allow this any longer unless for extreme emergencies. Students with a note can get off at a different stop as long as they are still on their bus. Child care issues are not considered an emergency that would cause them to change the rules for this.

Patrollers are back but they are not allowed to get out of the bus at each stop. Depending on the bus, there are 0-4 patrollers right now. It's new and is still being worked out. They were trained on evacuation and emergency. They will be recognized at the end of the school year.

Lunch Programs:

Lunch program is continuing with Pizza and Subs. Administratively subs were too much with all the details. Looking for a simpler alternative or get parent volunteers to help process the lunch orders. Subs were hard to hand out as well and took too long. On Pizza and pasta days there are runners that take the orders around and there seems to be no problem with that. We made \$4600 on sub orders last year.

Jenn is free on Thursdays to do Popcorn? We only have 10 unhealthy days – Dianna will check in to see if this would count as one of them. Toonie per bag. Jenn could walk around with the popcorn. Try once a month and see how it goes. First popcorn day: October 4th – 1st nutrition break. (Jenn will come at 9:30). Funds allocated to general school needs.

Gluten free and cheese free options – check in with current pizza vendor to see if they do this and how much? Do a polling station at meet the teacher asking parents whether they would be interested in having this as an option to order for their kids.

Corryn contacting Guthrie administrator to see how they deal with lunch programs and milk etc.

Lice Squad:

Decided to do it once early and then do follow up. Michelle, Lauren, Jenn, Patti & Amanda can do Monday November 19th – 9:20 a.m. Note will go home in student agenda.

The Best Bazaar at W.R.

November 10th

Vendors, Café, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Baskets and Marketing.

Vendors: Corryn – baskets into the gym on the wall, bake sale to the front? Vendors into the classroom. Jacquie is going to the vendor map. She is also working on online registration.

Café: From 9-10:30 pancake breakfast. Ask for Free syrup from Pratts or other farm and sell their syrup.

Bring a generator in for the kitchen. Volunteer list needed for next meeting.

Jenn wants to have students do up cards for sale – will be offered as an option to students (much like the yearbook cover contest is). Make it so the student can do it at home if they're interested and those who want to can participate?

Bake sale: Keep as is. Everyone bake what they're good at baking. Make sure notes go home a couple of weeks in advance.

Lauren will take care of the bake sale this year. The same letter will go out. Canning items can be included as well.

Marketing: Online community calendars. Rogers, City of Barrie, City of Orillia, Barrie 360. Facebook group posts. Social posts to share and will be sent out to vendors for them to share. Community Flyer (Jacquie will do). Put up around the community. Give some to Michelle to give to silent auction contributors. Radio stations as well.

Volunteers for the Bazaar: Sign up sheet during book fair and pizza party and at fall party as well. 20 minute increments of time to man the booth where people sign up. Crayons and colouring pages at the booth for the kids. Maybe do a sign that says 'Dad's we need your help too' and make a list of what they can help with.

Tables for the Bazaar – CRS

Signage – give people a zone or section to help put up signs

Directional signs saying how many km to the Bazaar.

May have to invest in some metal stands for the signs this year.

Baskets: Can only win one basket per person.

Flyers are great – keep them the same. Themes are good.

Silent Auction: small committee (Patty, Laura, Nancy & Amanda). Meeting soon.

Running info. sheet on Google of what is being donated and what needs to be picked up so that we can pitch in and pick up items to help out. We can be canvassing for items. Silent Auction flyer showing the items available. Send out a flyer letting parents know how they can contribute. Amanda is going to help with email blasts to larger companies asking for donations.

Welcome Back Pizza Party:

Sarah Boddington is on top of the pizza. Fire department and Eco team (bring a trailer) is on board – Michelle has set up this part.

Student Nutrition time and recess time:

Give primary grades more time to eat? To be discussed in the staff meeting and we'll see.

Oro Fair:

Guthrie and East Oro bused the kids to the Oro Fair and bused them back to the school to get bused back home. It would be an option and the parents could pick up their kids if they decide. To be discussed further later.

Other items:

Snowsuit donations: request snowsuits?

Yard Sale this year?

Parking lot is in the works but likely not until next year.

Bazaar Planning Meeting: October 16th 7:00 pm

Next council meeting: November 6th 7:00 pm