

School Council Meeting – Monday, February 5th 2024

6:00 – 7:30 pm

In attendance: Michelle Walbank, Tricia Buell-Malcolm, Amanda Mountain, Christine Patterson, Erika Engel, Heidi Cameron-Armstrong, Angie Jarvis, Doug Fournier, Chloe Irish, Katie Elliott

Via zoom: Hyla Woods, Katie Woodcroft

1. Welcome

Land Acknowledgement “Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.”

2. Principal’s Report

1. School Initiatives

- Gotchas continue
 - i. Wellness Wednesdays
 - 1. Gratitude
 - 2. Bell Let’s Talk
 - 3. The Buddy Bench! – up and running (was introduced to students at an assembly), and being used!
- Character Assembly
 - i. 24 Character attributes this year
 - ii. Staff are able to give out character certificates for any of these attributes
- Sports –
 - i. Int. boys basketball
 - ii. Int. girls volleyball
 - iii. Int. co-ed hockey
- Thank you to our staff coaches and volunteer coaches!
 - i. Ian Fatkin and Craig Scott – hockey
 - ii. Jacob Klain and Will Claasen – Int. boys basketball
 - iii. Lisa Mullin – staff organizer (basketball)
 - iv. Megan Lavender and Aleigha Watson – int. girls volleyball coaches
 - v. Kerri Joslin and Mike Deschenes – staff organizers (hockey)
- February 14th – pink and red spirit day
- Internet safety presentations this week (OPP)
 - i. Grade 4-8
- Cross country skiing – this week (4-8)
- Dance lessons – February (K-8)
 - i. 4 dance lessons

- ii. Final performance at 2:50pm on the 4th dance lesson of your child's session
 - iii. \$8/student, subsidized \$5 ea. through fundraising
- 2. School Initiatives – staff development
 - Kindergarten PLC – January
 - Math PLC – upcoming in February
 - Lexia Core and Acadience training (new screener) occurring for Primary
- 3. PRO Grant - Paul Davis May 3rd confirmed
 - Student and staff
 - Grade 3-5 → 12:30pm
 - Grade 6-8 → 2:00pm
 - Parents → 6pm
- 4. Staff meeting – very supportive of new jerseys for students starting in Grade 7/8
- 5. Swim to Survive – Grade 3s (no buses currently available – City of Barrie looking to re-book)
- 6. Blue Jays Game – coming up
- 7. Grade 8 trip to Wahanowin – May 15-17

3. Chair updates / Information

- Idea for fun events for Kindies (Katie Woodcroft) – “drive-in” in the gym idea ; event connected to Earth Day, they build their own car and then drive the cars into the gym, and watch a movie (the Lorax) ; Heidi will connect with Kindergarten teachers to offer this idea
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4. Financial Updates – Treasurer updates from Tricia.

- December chocolate fundraiser - \$742 profit
- Parents' night out - \$884 (for grade 8 grad trip)

Plans for spending fundraising money (from General School Needs, aka GSN):

- Plans to spend money from basket fundraiser on iPads (4) and touch screen ChromeBooks (2) from FR Silent auction – Motion (Michelle) ; 2nd (Angie) ; unanimous in favour (remaining amount from theme baskets to be moved into field trips)
- Motion: council to approve \$5 for each student from GSN to be spent to subsidize cost for dance lessons; Motion (Michelle) ; 2nd (Doug) ; unanimously in favour
- Motion: council approve \$100 for each staff for classroom needs; Motion (Amanda); 2nd (Tricia) ; unanimously in favour
- Motion: council approve any money above this amount to be allowed from GSN ; Motion (Angie) ; 2nd (Michelle) ; unanimously in favour
- Motion: council approve that “school yard line painting” be moved to “BN School Yard” ; Motion (Amanda) ; 2nd (Tricia); unanimously in favour

- Motion: council approve Microbits to be purchased for coding from GSN; Motion (Amanda) ; 2nd (Chloe); unanimously in favour

5. Old Business

- Banners – Erika gave an update on banners for the Gym (samples of her work shared with council); 2 students to be selected from each class to represent and highlight the diversity of our community. Photographer / artist – Christine Cousins (has been working with DDSB and ETFO); she will come into the school to take the photographs, booking into late-March right now.
 - o Discussion on whether these would go in the gym, or in other places around the school
 - o Need to find out what her fees are, printing costs, etc.
 - o Heidi will look into this and we will connect back and decide if we'd like to move forward with this
- Buddy Bench (was presented in Principal's report)
- Entry hallway TV – It has been purchased and is being installed on the wall closest to the office (above the sign in book) ; slideshow will be there with a slideshow stream of student activities / work, etc. – to be installed this week!
- Wellness Wednesdays – teachers are interested in yoga being included (Tricia is an instructor and can lead); we could offer it as a recess option (offer it in grade divisions)

6. Sub Committees;

a. Fundraising

- Chelsea Chocolates – Easter ; Christine and Chloe are working on this to get it ready to be shared with families
- Fun Fair in the Spring – Date is set for June 6th.

Updates from Christine:

- o Scholastic is booked for a Book Fair
- o Moonwalk entertainment is booked for our obstacle course – 2 obstacle courses, super big, may not fit into the gym (rain plan)
- o Teena is looking into paint the bus

From Michelle

- o Scully's Food truck (local) confirmed/bkd
- o Beavertails Dessert truck confirmed/bkd

- both have Health Inspection Certificate
 - both have \$2 million + insurance policies
- Napoli's pizza confirmed

Costs: Cheese & Pepperoni 14" -\$13.00 ; Cheese & Pepperoni 12" Gluten free \$13.00

- Oro Medonte Fire Dept and truck confirmed
 - Fundraising Idea for Spring Fair - Collaborative art piece from each class to be auctioned off – challenge each class to create a piece).
 - Theme baskets will also be created again as a fundraiser
 - Horseshoe is interested in coming and promoting their events, etc., maybe auction something off
 - Reach out to Hardwood?
 - Christine has reached out to Oro-Medonte, but hasn't heard back yet
- New fundraiser idea: Gym audio system, projector, etc.
 - Current system is very old, wheel in projector, etc. on a cart
 - Heidi can get a quote from Music Pro to find out what our options are
 - Motion: Use GSN to get a service call/quote with the goal of improving audio/visual system in the Gym, up to \$1000 ; Motion (Amanda); 2nd (Doug) ; unanimously in favour.

b. Co- curricular – Hyla Woods

- Jerseys (update shared by Heidi in Principal's message)
- Jr Boys / Girls House League Basketball – looking for parent and teacher volunteers to support this initiative ; Hyla to set it up once we know about volunteers (Fridays?)
- Primary swimming – waiting to hear back about dates ; numbers have been shared, depends on instructor availability
- Track and Field – Still a little while out, but we will need to make sure we have volunteers, will need lines painted
- King's Wharf 2024 – Christmas Carol the Panto, runs every Wednesday for 5 weeks ; cost is \$22.50
- Will look into baseball in the Spring - 3 pitch, intermediate / junior / mixed co-ed; will need teachers and parent helpers to support this
- Soccer (would need to be outside of school hours) – this would be run as an “unsanctioned” sport. Timing would be May/June, could be run on school property before or after school.

- Community Skate – Christine has reached out to Roz (Oro Medonte township); \$233 per hour, which includes 50 mins of ice time plus a flood. We will pass for now, but consider for next year.
- Hardwood – Grade 4-8 is going this week (fingers crossed for ski-friendly weather!)
- We discussed Horseshoe, as they are now on the approved list – could consider in the future, as students would have the option there of downhill and x-country skiing; we will also have them come to our Spring Fair
- Golf – Michelle asked if this is something we could look into in the future
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c. Yearbook

- It is a work in progress! 😊 Students are working on it, and photos are being uploaded regularly. Grade 7 student yearbook team is hard at work.

7. New business?

- Question: Could council meeting minutes be posted on the W.R. Best website?
- GSA – has not yet been started this year, but it is on the list of clubs to come!

8. Upcoming Council Dates:

- **Monday, April 8th 2024**

* All council meetings are held in the school library and on Zoom (audio only)