

Council Meeting – September 26, 2019

Attendance: Robyn Scheubel, Lori Moccio, Marc Elmer, Erin Spencer, Jeff Pinho, Amanda Pinho, Danielle Ridge, Sara Van Schyndel, Iman Zarura, Belal El Hassan, Tara Galeazza, Juanita Heindebrecht, Christine Kempf, Alex Krugal, Taryn Rea, Delia Boom, Christina Alloway, Jenn Baker, Leanne Tuck, Emily Ena, Leslie Bhardwaj, Jennifer Chamberland, Marie Nadon, Daniella Liebrechts-Hamilton, Majedeh Warsi, Samantha Bell, Mehrnoosh Afnan, Ginelle Polmanter-Gentle, Michelle Fernandes, Denise Martin

A Declaration of conflict of interest: None

B Approval of minutes for June 13, 2019: Jenn Baker, seconded Sara Van Schyndel

C Reports

Chair/Co chair: None

Secretary: None

Treasurer: Christina Alloway – raised \$27600.00 for 2018-2019 school year; donated to the school \$32662.00; current account balance \$15138.00

Fundraising Chair: Christine Kempf – 3 successful fundraisers from last year – this year we are looking at Della Terra oils at Christmas (25-30% profit); ferns and succulents (spring 2020); Earthology around Earth Day (50% profit); volunteers are needed on delivery day; open to other fundraising ideas as well

Lunch Chair: Christina Alloway – starting November 2019 Box Lunch Brigade, Wednesday continues to be pizza day and Thursday will remain Boston Pizza day; volunteers are needed to assist with the lunch program; times are 12 – 1:30 to be safe on a time commitment

D PRO Grant: Completed for the last 2 years. No application has been submitted for this school year. We may not be eligible for a PRO Grant this year. Marc to look into this. Lori suggested that in spring 2020 we set up a committee to submit an application.

E PIC Conference: Opportunity for parents to be involved. Last years' conference was held at Eden HS in St. Catherines. Dinner is provided prior to the information sessions. We encourage all of our parents to sign up for this conference. This years' conference is November 6, 2019 at Eden HS.

F School Business/Upgrades and Additions

a. Buddy Bench: Kids who are in need of buddy can sit on the bench and someone can come and sit on the bench. The old Buddy Bench was destroyed. The suggestion is that we get a new Buddy Bench and place it outside and bring in into the school during the summer months. A suggestion was made that instead of a Buddy Bench we have a Buddy Wall, that the kids can paint their handprints on the wall.

b. Playground update: Playground Inspections report is provided to the schools at the beginning of each year. We received quite a lot of “not safe” grades –

particularly the gravel getting packed down (the board has since contracted out this and that playground has re-opened). The red playground is still out of bounds to the kids – coating is missing, rusted hardware - one of the sections in need of repair is costed at \$10000.00. Playground responsibility is council responsibility and not the school responsibility. Fence repair is been costed out and an arborist has been contacted to look at the trees.

- c. Ideas to improve curb appeal of front of school: This will be an open forum throughout the year for idea submissions – painting the gazebo, the Gardening Club, landscaping under the sign at the front of the school, hiring a landscaping company, big urns to be changed seasonally, Christmas lights on the gazebo
- d. Photocopier: Cannot be purchased thru Council funds; staff requested another copier due to the layout of the school; the school board leases the copiers and the board is pretty stringent on 2 copiers/school
- e. Lockers: the lockers/cubbies are on the school wish list; we are permitted to have them from a space perspective; the forms will come out in November

G School Report: Robyn Scheubel

EQAO Results: Grade 3 Reading 92, Writing 92, Math 81; Grade 6 Reading 88%, Writing 88, Math 67%

Staffing Update – enrolment went from 508 to 538 students; 2 more classes should have been created but we do not have the space – we are over cap in a few of our primary classes – September 2020 we will have 2 additional portables; interviews continue to happen for prep and EA positions; staff have returned from Mat Leaves and 2 new teachers have been hired; Alyssha has left and is now at the Board Office

Naming the New Secondary School

School Council Insurance: \$151.20

Lost and Found Protocol: pictures of the items will be uploaded to our social media accounts on a monthly basis

Celebration Assemblies: these will continue; a new award has been added – Stingray Award for “whatever”, something awesome that happened in the classroom

World Teacher Day: October 5, will be recognized on the Friday at the school; referred back to council for discussion

Mad Science: winter program; they do a free presentation for the kids at the PIC Conference

School Building and Maintenance: the stairs near the side door were crumbling and were repaired over the summer; playground issues; this years’ slogan “French is Your Opportunity”; activities will be planned in the culture groups; musical or cultural productions at the school; outdoor classroom requires upkeep; staff Wish List – Brink guitar club (can we purchase

6 Guitars); Beauparlant – Rocks and Rings – curling program; Hall – board games club (money to purchase games for the older kids)

Looking For: breakfast club helpers, starts September 30, volunteers at 8am; Monthly Head Lice crew for preventative measures; Picture Day volunteers on October 9, 2019

Merci Moments

H New Business

World Teacher Day – Emily Ens to take care of this – vote on reimbursement when we have an active council at next meeting

Electing a New Council – to be done at next meeting

I Meeting dates for 2019: October 24, December 5

J Motion for Adjournment: Sam, Christina