

## School Council Minutes

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:30 to 6:59pm

Attendees: Natasha Tsevende, Rebekah Winstanley, Therese Lasreq, Megan Carter, Yana Sobiski, Carlene Duncan, Denise Kearney, Kerry Anderson, Jenna Rempel, Shari Mills, Chandra Tompkins, Therese Niznowski, Kari Gouriluk, Bonnie Reynard, Hilary Aitken

### 1. Opening Prayer – Hilary Aitken

1.1. Introductions – Round table

1.2. Additions to agenda – none

1.3. Approval of agenda

Move – Shari Mills

Second – Therese Lazreq

All in favor - passed

1.4. Approval of previous minutes

Move - Therese Lazreq

Second – Kari Gouriluk

All in favor - passed

2.0 Treasurer's report – see attached

Heather Gropp will help with processing of payments

3.0 Teacher's report

Nothing to report – Shari Mills requested that Jodi contact her with a receipt for shovels, Rebekah would pass on the request

4.0 Principals Report – attached

Brief presentation on “Voila”. Voila is a virtual reality platform that allows children to converse with other children and online tutors. It can be help with anything related to school, not simply a homework assignment. There are also interactive educational games that parents and children can try together. It is available now, and families should have received a home note to explain how to use it. Families are encouraged to try it out.

There will be a Christmas Activity night. Student council wants to get input from the entire student body. They are looking for ideas and are asking classroom teachers to brainstorm a list of ideas for Christmas Activity night. These ideas will be sent to student council who will then choose 10 of the most promising ideas. Children will be asked to vote for the top ideas.

Oak Hammock Marsh – offers programming every year. This year is an entire day on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Six classes will be learning about a number of different subjects such as wetlands, birds and adaptation, “what’s for dinner” – animal habitats and what they eat.

5.0 Hot Meals Report attached.

We are trying some new things - if people have ideas for hot lunch menus contact Jennifer Skene or Therese Lazreq.

## 6.0 School Council Items

### 6.1 Christmas Family Event

The first one was two years ago and the plan is to have them every two years. There were about 400 people coming through the first one and the school assumed all the costs for dinner, crafts etc. Cost was \$2000.00. Natasha suggested budgeting school council money towards offsetting that cost. There was some discussion that fundraising efforts are looking very promising thus far. There was also some discussion about potential ways to raise \$700.00 in addition to the \$300.00 that has already been committed.

Motion:

An additional \$700 to be moved into the Christmas Family event from the school council budget to total \$1000.

Moved by Therese Lazreq. Seconded Kerry Anderson.

All in favour: Passed (unanimous)

### 6.2 Brainstorming and Planning Session

Social Committee –

In January we will have books for breakfast during family literacy week. In the past Angela Boucher has taken on most of the work for this, and teachers have made muffins and helped with food. There was discussion regarding whether the social committee would be able to work with Angela on this. Denise and Kari indicated interest in helping with this.

Winter Family Event – ski night and tubing. Shari will speak to the ski hill management and inquire about the Winter Family event.

Ice-Cream Social – we will discuss this in January

### 6.3 School Council Report/Roundtable

Fundraising Update:

Raffle is in progress and best one to date! Thank you Heather Norris!

We have put a hold on the Nit Wit Fundraiser because there was a fear that we would overload people with fundraising. But we will look at planning for that fundraiser next year before Christmas?

Magazine subscription fundraiser went out this week.

Heather Gropp has offered to take on a meat fundraiser happening before Christmas. Thank you Heather! And after all the feedback received we will start with a Frosted Foods fundraiser. The info should go out this Friday.

Natasha will try to put some info out about the Fundscrip program this week or next – then if people want to participate they can. (Yana offered to help)

We put out a letter to parents regarding fundraising – just to say there is lots coming up and they should feel very comfortable picking and choosing the things that they participate in. No one should feel that they have to do everything. This was sent via email – but maybe should go on the Facebook page? Parents felt that email and facebook hits the largest number of people.

Natasha will stay after this meeting to talk to interested people about the spork/cutlery fundraiser, and hopefully we can decide on something for January.

Peak of the Market raised over \$1100.

Try another Tuesday meeting?

There were enough parents at this meeting that wouldn't have been able to make a Wednesday meeting. It was decided to continue alternating them between Wednesday and Tuesday. No meeting in December. January will be a Wednesday.

6.4 Parent Partners: Can dialogue about this via email.

## 7.0 New business

### February Meeting Idea

A speaker will be coming in February to talk to staff about the Seven Habits. There has also been a suggestion that the February meeting be done memo style, and if necessary a short meeting from 5:30 to 6:00 and then a speaker after that. The session would be an orientation to Leader in Me and how you can incorporate the Leader in Me at home. The group agreed to have the February meeting take place as much as possible by e-mail and if necessary have a brief meeting before the Parent Night on February 21, 2018.

## 8.0 Next meeting and adjourn:

Next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Shari Mills moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm 😊