

Dr. Roy Wilson School Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2017

Attendance: Erin Greggains, Nicole Liboiron, Mike Kukuruzda, Lisa Perich, Leisa Carney, Shannon Nelson, Danna Hanni, Amber Kitching, Jodi Thomas, Holly Davidson

Call to order at 7:02 by Nicole

Motion by Nicole to accept the November Minutes as posted, 2nd by Shannon, All in Favor – Passed

Principals Report:

1. Technology
 - a. Chromebooks – ranked top 4 in the parent’s survey. School is getting 108 Chromebooks from the Evergreen project, and therefore would like Parent Council to hold off on funding more for now.
2. Mat Leave – have posted and short listed to 4 candidates for Mrs. Neimis position, looking for a certain set of skills, hoping to have selection tomorrow after interviewing the final 3. Plan to have the new teacher in place next week to help ease the transition.
3. Screening Tools – Grade 2 – 9
 - a. All students have been bench marked with MIPI and Star for math and reading
 - b. Meetings will be held this week for Classroom interventions where needed
 - c. Lion’s Den – turning half of the library into an alternative classroom to help kids that are far behind the rest of the class. Currently there will be about 15 students making use of this. These are students that most likely won’t earn a high school diploma but we can help build life skills like money, cooking, and animal care ect. Will be intentional to where the students are.
 - d. After Christmas will be pulling kids that are only a grade or 2 behind and giving them 30 minutes of intensive help daily.
 - e. Want to keep our students in out school as much as possible, don’t want to have to send them out to other programs.
 - f. Will have Tanya (counsellor) here and available to help with behavioural issues
 - g. Will be documentation on school website.
 - h. Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher if they want to know where their child scored.
 - i. Next meeting will try to have Marni from District attend to explain more.
4. Junior High Timetable
 - a. Timetable shift is happening right after Christmas, 1st week back
 - b. Might evolve to kids taking some ownership of Tutorial time
5. Royal Rumble Basketball
 - a. Tournament starting Friday at 2, Grades 6-9 will be released to watch game, as we want to push for support for our athletics this year
6. Colleen Wilson
 - a. Has donated \$5,000 to the school for 30 keyboards for extension of the music program – grades 5 and 6 will make use of them this year.

7. School PD Day this week – agenda
 - a. Nick Paquin from the district will be doing some team building with staff. And talk about the perspective of students and staff, a chance for staff to reflect and see where coming from.
 - b. Carolyn Maines from AHS to talk about Noise
 - i. the impact of noise on students in the classroom and there the students are placed in the Classroom.
 - ii. Background Noise – impact on student’s abilities to learn
 - iii. Will be coming into the school to do a noise audit
 - c. Lindsay Piloni – resource
 - i. How can help support learning
 - d. Lions Den
 - i. Discussion with staff so everyone is on the same page and knows what it is and isn’t
8. Interventions for students
 - a. Leaps and bounds
 - i. Purchased to help for math – step by step scripting to help with interventions
 - b. Leveled Literacy Intervention Kit
 - i. Right now, it is about \$45 – 50,000 to get the full program we need the basics (\$15,000 cost)

Breakfast Program

- Averaging about 77 kids a day
- Steak night made \$2,105
- Donations coming in nicely through school cash and food
- List of food to donate up on the school website
- Costs \$750 per month to run program
- Looking at having monthly support from PC as this is strictly donation based program right now

Finances

Amber and Danna initiated a discussion about Community Association bank accounts and treasurer’s reports. They want to know exactly how much is in the accounts with a list of deposits and withdrawals. This has not been discussed at School Council meetings as the School Council does not hold any funds. The Community Association has all bank accounts and the funds get spent at the direction of the School Council. Any member of the Community Association is welcome to send an email and we will forward a copy of the books for detailed accounting. We will consider putting reports online should time permit.

The entire executive is new to their positions this year (as is our Principal). The plan is to get a budget and have it approved so we don’t have to make motions to spend \$300 here and \$750 there. Motions will only be needed for items not in the budget or overages of the budgeted amounts. At the beginning of the next school year the actual amounts spent will be compared to the budget and a draft budget for the upcoming school year will be approved. This should have been done since the beginning of School Council, but it wasn’t. We are working on this area, but we are all learning our roles plus we all work full-time and have families to take care of as well. Additionally, the members

of the executive have been running the fundraisers and social events because we don't have volunteers for committees. We only have so much time in our days. We tabled the discussion until the next meeting where the plan is to have a draft budget for discussion and approval.

Fundraising

Lisa P.

- Papa John's slowly decreasing but have still made approximately \$800 overall, will start back up in February
- Admazing approximately 418 books sold
- Hot lunch has made \$7,664.25 so far this year, Lisa needs volunteers for the Monday that school starts back.

Kathy H. (not present discussion re: Casino initiate on her behalf)

- Casino coming up in March – Easter Weekend, need volunteers, maybe send an email notice to parents as we need another way to reach parents, not just Facebook and the website

Newsletter

Shannon asked how we are getting the word out about fundraisers/hot lunch volunteers etc. She put her name on the volunteer list and has not been called/emailed about needing hot lunch volunteers. Lisa replied that her main resource was Facebook and that she had a dedicated group of volunteers when she posts that she needs volunteers the spots get filled.

Shannon mentioned that not everyone is on Facebook and parents who aren't and want to help feel left out of the "group". She would like to help but can't if things are only posted on Facebook. Discussion regarding a possible School Council Newsletter that can be emailed to parents. Nicole will look into doing a Newsletter and discuss with the school office the best way to get that info out to parents. FOIP prevents School Council from getting a list of email addresses from the parents but the Newsletter could be emailed by the school or maybe put on the website where people can subscribe just like the School Newsletter.

Discussion re: incorporating a page about School Council in the School Newsletter but ultimately decided that the school newsletter is already really long, and our page will likely not get read.

Winter Wonderland

- Teachers are planning it
- Sugar cookie decorating will cost \$210 for cookies and \$25 for icing plus sprinkles, will Parent Council fund this

Danna motions to spend up the \$300 for Cookie decorating supplies for Winter Wonderland, 2nd by Amber, All in Favour – passed

Parent Input Survey on School Council Priorities

School Council has approximately \$35,000 to spend still this year

Parent Wish List Results

Reading Program	12.91
Chrome books	11.80
Reading Support Materials	10.70
Outdoor Learning Commons	10.24
Field Trips	9.86
Breakfast Program	7.03
Softball	6.29
iPads	5.37
Dances	4.43
Snowshoes	4.17
Soft classroom chairs	3.84
Rugby Equipment	2.43
Save for a new Playground	0.39

Reading program (1) School will look into what kind of reading program they want/have the resources to implement. We discussed having a Read -a-Thon fundraiser during education week to kick this off (<https://www.read-a-thon.com/>) If run through the website, we don't have to do much and the mail us a cheque for 80% of the funds raised. Hopefully Read-a-Thon funds will cover the cost of a yet to be determined reading program. If not we should allow \$10,000 - \$15,000 for this. Decided to reserve/save \$10,000 for a reading program to be determined in the future. Tabled for February meeting.

Chromebooks (2) – school just got 108 more. Administration is more concerned with getting literacy and numeracy interventions in place before adding more Chromebooks. Annual Evergreening budget will hopefully supplement this as well. A goal to get 1:1 Chromebooks for grades 3-9 within 3 years and then the annual expense would just be replacing old ones seems reasonable. At the request of School Administration, we are not funding Chromebooks at this time.

Reading support materials (3) – The School is requesting Fountas and Pinnell Levelled Literacy Intervention kits to support literacy. The basics which covers K to the end of grade 9 without overlap (so this is the bare minimum) is \$15,000. To finish ordering the rest of the kits (which overlap each other) is an additional \$25,000. This will get us started for this year and then Mike is hoping to get the rest funded through the district. Motion to fund this. Motion by Erin to give \$15,000 to WLC for Reading Support Materials (basics of the Levelled Literacy Intervention Kit), 2nd by Shannon, All in Favour – passed

Outdoor learning commons (4) – Mike has a group of people at the school looking at what exactly they want to do so we can get a budget and then we can consider funding all or part of this project. Also, we can apply for funding from the Education Foundation. They have funded similar projects at other schools. This will likely be a multi-year project. We will consider funding this when we get a plan for what the School wants to do back there. Tabled until the School comes up with a plan and approaches us for funding.

Fieldtrips/community classrooms (5) – We gave the school \$32,000 this year so consider this done. Nicole will chat with Mike at the end of the year and see how far this went and what an appropriate annual amount would be.

Breakfast program (6) – \$3,000 will give the breakfast program about \$500/month until the end of the school year. They can come to us if they need additional funds. Hopefully grants will be available next year. Motion by Amber to give \$3,000 to the WLC Breakfast Program to sustain it for the rest of this school year, 2nd by Danna, all in favor – Passed

Softball equipment (7), Snowshoes (10) and Rugby (12) – See if we can find grant funding for this. Requested volunteers to look into grants and no one volunteered. Nicole will send an email to our volunteer list to see if anyone will do this for us.

iPads (8) – class set that can be checked out – The school just got 29 iPads through the Evergreening budget and has asked us not to fund this at this time. We will table this to consider funding next year or earlier if the school requests it.

School dances (9) – We will play this by ear and the School will request funding on an as needed basis.

Soft classroom chairs for reading (11) – We'll table this for another year as it doesn't seem to be a priority.

Saving for another playground (13) – came in dead last. We'll forgo this for this year and discuss it again in a year or two.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 14, 2018