

## **WLC Parent Council Minutes**

**February 28, 2018**

**Attendance:** Nicole Librion, Stephanie Williams, Brigitte Pinter, Leisa Carney, Mike Kukaruzda, Lisa Lindsey, Lisa Perich, Danna Hanni, Erin Greggains (Late)

Call to order at 7:03 by Nicole

**Motion to accept December Minutes** as posted on the school website by Steph, seconded by Lisa, all in Favor, passed

**Motion to approve the draft school council budget** as presented by Steph, seconded by Leisa, all in favor, passed

### **Fundraising**

- Paint night was successful will try again
- Papa John's – no news to report, owner is on holidays still
- Casino – in desperate need of volunteers
- Read-a-thon
  - o There is a website, readathon.com that provides a lot of materials, and allows for credit card payments, but they take a 25% charge of all funds
  - o Talk of school council doing everything themselves and using a portion of the money raised for prizes for students.
  - o Brigitte and Leisa volunteer to spear head the read-a-thon and will get it organized, Mike will have office staff provide support as needed.
- Skate-a-thon – next week, forms due March 9

### **Council of Councils Meeting**

- New policies – harassment
- Discussion about indigenous Students, and speakers with new school and when to have speeches ie, only at school opening
- Best team

### **School Council Newsletter**

- Not a valuable use of time to produce, no longer to be done

### **Reading Program – Incentive based**

- Expensive approximately \$10k per year for licencing
- Some people and evidence show not the best way to encourage students to read
- Mike would really like more time before staff has to take on something else, lots of changes in the school already this year, lots of focus already on reading too with the literacy resources purchased
- Table this until next year when the school can better support it

- \$10k that is earmarked for program can be held onto or look at giving to school to expand library resources ie, classroom books or something, then money is still going towards reading and literacy

### **Guided Learning Resources – Balanced Literacy**

- Motion by Steph to give school \$10,000 to spend on books and literacy supplies at administrations discretion, seconded by Brigitte, all in favor, passed

*Budget amended to \$5k for Balanced Literacy and \$5k for classroom libraries, no \$10k for Incentive program*

### **Sports Equipment for School**

- need someone to look into grants
  - o Toni will look into
- Erin, Nicole and Sarah McOuat to send quotes for equipment that they have received already

### **Teacher's Appreciation – March 26-29**

- Lisa has volunteers but needs prizes if anyone has anything to donate

### **Principal's Report**

- Grant completed today to get an AED for the school
- Basketball over
- Badminton is starting this week
- Staffing
  - o Starting to look at for fall
  - o New district policies and moving of admin and staff around from school to school
  - o Looking to bring in experienced teachers to help anchor our teams
  - o Will see people shift within the building
- Timetable
  - o Implemented a new Jr high timetable
    - On a whole going really well, everyone is adapting and making use of the tutorial time
    - Looking at possibly separating STEM and Humanities
  - o Changing the timetable further to reduce "recess" and extend the lunch hour
  - o Tightening up structures
- Portfolio work
  - o What they need to be
  - o What is expected – tighten up
  - o Build all year
- Report Cards
  - o District report card coming in the new school year
  - o Moving away from report cards totally
    - Using more Fresh Grade – real time marks for parents to access
- Parent Conferences March 14 & 15

- Report cards out March 12
- Grade 7 Orientation March 7
- Flex PD Day coming up that is not on the calendar – June 8
- Before and after school care
  - District has send out an RFP for someone to possibly take over
- Grade 9 Farewell
  - Teachers Plan??
  - Sleepover?? Pizza?
  - Is there a budget for it??
  - Lisa will work with Grade 9 teachers and possibly parents to help
    - Will come to council for money or support if needed
- Traffic out front
  - Need to do something about it
  - Notre Dame and city opening the parking lot onto Spruce Way, which should help alleviate some of the traffic issue we are having right in front of our school

**Year end BBQ** - for whole school, need to pick a date

Adjourned at 8:28