

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, September 21st, 2017. 5:00pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Greg Seiveright (Principal), Tara Beers (Teacher), Lisa Posthumus (Secretary), Kayo Murakami Wood, Angie Vaughan, Judy Gerber-van Vliet, Heather Sheedy, Alice Stagner, Sarah Pyke, David Murakami Wood, Peter van Vliet (Parents)

1. Election of New Council Members

Kayo and Angie will be co-chairs. Judy will serve as secretary. Alice and David Stagner will share the treasurer position.

2. Principal's report

- Enrollment this year is 23 students. We will have the same staff as last year.
- The two portables have been emptied and will be taken to KCVI.
- There will be tech at Molly Brant again this year. The first unit will be cooking, which will take place at Molly Brant. The students will study sewing and woodshop later in the year.
- Students will be going to the corn maze in October.
- The primary class was invited to attend an author's visit at Sacred Heart
- Discussion occurred regarding the future of MPS as parents are concerned with potential numbers for next year. There are 7 students in grade 8 this year.

3. Council Activity Plan

a) Summary of Year 2016-17 (Appendix 1)

We did well financially last year. Our main fundraiser was hot lunch. Over \$3000 was raised from hot lunch. We have a good surplus going forward.

b) Year 2017-2018 Planning (Appendix 2)

Discussion of activities to focus on this year, detailed below.

c) Hot Lunches (Appendix 3)

We are still looking for new cooks for hot lunch. Some new parents and community members, such as the women's institute, have volunteered but more volunteers are needed. It was agreed that one hot lunch per month would be free.

d) School Garden Project – year 3

The Garden Project is expanding to the Wolfe Island Community Medical Clinic site, next to the senior housing, where a new greenhouse will be built. The plan is for the new garden location to bring the senior housing residents, the medical clinic, and the two schools together. The grade 7 and 8 students from Sacred Heart may be getting involved in the garden project this year. The same amount (\$1000) was proposed to budget for this year, which was earned back through plant sales last year! Discussion occurred about value of garden project versus other possible uses of the money. Parents agreed that we could use other surplus money for other activities this year and that perhaps students should be surveyed to find out what their interests might be. The teachers may also have some ideas that we could support.

e) New joint activities

We would like to do more joint activities with Sacred Heart this year. This will be carried over for more discussion at our next meeting.

f) Fundraisers

i. Poinsettia Sale in Dec.

We plan to repeat this sale as it is quite popular and expected by the community.

ii. Christmas Fair

We would like to be involved with the Christmas Fair, although it isn't yet clear what form it will take this year. We will discuss further at next meeting.

iii. Plant Sale in May

This will be discussed later in the year.

4. Meeting Schedule

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 2nd at 5pm.