

November 24, 2016 Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mailyn
Craig Van Spall
Elaine Bellevue
Nicky Rossi
Joanne Eng
Mark Peron
Dana Wilson

Mailyn opened the meeting by sharing Student Senate news and activities. She discussed House Colour challenges and upcoming events such as Wellness Week (November 28- December 2) and Activity afternoon on December 23. May Lynn also informed parents about our upcoming Live Differently concert on Monday, November 28.

For helping families that are less fortunate the school will be asking for donations of gift cards and toiletries.

Cultural Food Day will be on December 12 and it will be pasta.

Ms. Wilson shared the principal report sharing events in regards to:

Exploratory Day on October 25

Celebrations assembly and House Colour Day on October 26

Grade 8s visit to Erindale on November 1

Options and course selections occurring for grade 8s

Progress reports went home on November 10

Parent Teacher interviews on November 17 and 18 ~ It was questioned if parents could request other interview times if they were unable to make the times available and the team assured the parents that this is defiantly an option

Fundraiser raised almost \$10,000 thanks to parent, student and staff support

Ministry Training of all Vice Principals and Principals in the area of Mathematics and Numeracy. This training is now being offered to teacher and we have 1 teacher from each grade representing Homelands to receive the training. Training will then be shared with the entire staff through staff meetings and our Instructional Coaches.

The girl's junior and senior volleyball teams have played and represented our school well. The senior girls won a gold medal in their tournament.

Open conversation was held about EQAO and the validity of the test if we are teaching in an Open Ended format and valuing multiple answers and oral answers. If we are teaching in this manner why are we not testing in the same manner. Do students understand the questions and are they meaningful to them. How long has it been since this testing format was reviewed?

Concert on December 15 at 6:30pm

Mark Peron then share information regarding trips.

The Grade 8 trip to Ottawa is a go with 46 students signed up June 5-7, 2017

Ski trip to Moonstone on January 12, 2017

Ms. Wilson asked the Council to look at the School Success Website as the staff has been updating and would like to update the parent section. This will be discussed at the January 19th meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:40pm