



Home and School Association & Student Council Meeting – 15 OCT 2018

In Attendance: Taken

Welcome, Sign In and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6.35.

Principal's Message

- Sandra – Day custodian has left, haven't hired replacement as of yet.
- Down in numbers - 379 children. Lost a student to another school for Regional Communications program that is not available at Ellwood. Gave prospective new students tours of Ellwood, so numbers may increase again.
- Received \$1600 grant from Home Hardware. Bought 3 maple Trees and they are replanted in the ground.
- 18th October: Argos partnership beginning - Huddle Up. Bringing in Argos who will work with 10 students to put together an anti-bullying presentation and program for the school: How to cope with being/prevent bullying. Assembly is set for February 26th and program will continue on for the remainder of the year. Parent presentation is available to talk about strategies about bullying.
- 19th October: Cross Country team – sending to Albion Hills.
- 22-26th October: Me to We club – working on food drive. We Scare Hunger campaign
- 31st October: Upcoming Dance-a-thon – Monster Mash for Halloween. Allows staff time to use the money for classroom now.
- 24th October: STEAM event in the evening.
- We currently have 4 students from Lakehead in Teachers College who are helping in our classrooms – teaching block from Nov-Dec. Lots of additional help (Humberview as well)
- Nov 2 - Picture retake Day.
- October 5th – fantastic PD day. All around the fundamentals of mathematics video. A mind shift for teachers with a new instructional coach here. Jonathan So – is the instructional coach assigned to Ellwood.
- Nov 9th - Progress reports come home
- November 15th evening, 16th during the day. – Parent Teacher interviews
- Fire Alarm Test – went very well.
- TIC (Teacher in Charge) – takes care in the absence of the admin. Went very well for the test.
- Hold & Secure: communication will go out if this happens. Notification comes from the police department and they would run through a hold & secure run through to ensure this runs smoothly.
- Lock down: two drills a year. Children are locked down from all glass, windows and doors. No one in and out of the building.

- Bomb threat drill: Staff will look down the hallway and, in the classroom, and report anything suspicious.
- Nov 9th – Remembrance Day assembly – 10am
- Playground – a few injuries on the playground. – introducing a new protocol for injuries (updating code blue protocol)
- January 2019: Ski and Snow program for Juniors – more information to come.
- 4th December: Junior Musical performances at 9.30am and 6pm

Kindi Playground Update

- Grand opening went very well! Picture posted on the newspaper website. Articles also printed and posted for everyone to see of Home and School Bulletin Board.

Financial Update

- Members reviewed the debits and credits.
- Food Days have made \$6700 in profits for the first term.
- Currently have \$15000 in the account.

Food Days Update

- Popcorn at the BBQ – made \$142
- Asked by the junior musical teachers to sell popcorn at the evening performance
- Subs: 69 subs per week, pizza: 218 students per week for the first term – this is going extremely well.
- About two students each week are being sent with no lunches on weeks their parents did not order sub/pizza.

Spirit Wear

- Last year we sold 100+ t-shirts for \$5.95 a t-shirt. This time only sold 22 t-shirts. The printer cannot do \$5.95 but asking \$9.50 plus tax. Through MunchaLunch taking a bit of a loss. VP will be meeting with the company on Wednesday – maybe he can make the \$ less.
- Meeting with MVS tomorrow with sample to get their quote on t-shirts
- Member has another contact for Spirit Wear – may need to reach out to see if they are board approved. Several new options for hoodies and winter hats through MVS.
- Option to pre-buy winter hats and sell on the spot at Parent Teacher interviews.
- BG meeting on Wednesday for water bottles - follow up at next meeting

Teacher Requests

- \$1456.57 – Request from for purchase of 2 wireless microphones for the gym - **APPROVED**
- \$900 – Request from Library for Forest of Reading program - **APPROVED**
- \$678 – Request from Kindergarten for program for Young Engineers to come to the 4 kindergarten classes. Inspires children to build through hands on learning. 45-60 minutes in class. \$150 per workshop plus HST – **APPROVED**

Upcoming Fundraisers

- FundScrip – school code: XGFPVY. Member running the program is working on getting access to the program. Letter drafted ready to send.
- MacMillians – orders due Oct. 29th. Delivery Date/Pick up Nov 15th after school and Parent Teacher Interviews. A reminder will be sent to ensure pick up occurs on Nov 15th. May possibly post the names of the children who have ordered at the classrooms to help remind parents.
- Mabel's Labels – has been added back to the website.

Community Events

- **Marlies Game** – April 13th more info to come. Saturday at 4pm
- **Family Skate** - Jan 6th wasn't available. Jan 5th is available 5pm-7pm or 930am-11am. Seems the early the better. Sunday is always first choice.
- **Breakfast with Santa** – changing to **Winter Carnival**. Thinking the venue would be at the school – in the gym. Saturday morning around 10am. (Palgrave & Caledon East on Nov 17th) – meeting sign up for a group to discuss further.
 - Suggestion to print one price passports for food/games that are marked off at each station.
 - Checking on Permits for Dec. 8th.
 - Suggestion to bring in vendors and sell tables to raise additional money.
 - Possibility to put vendor in the library so it doesn't interfere with the carnival in the gym.
 - Idea that this year we do it simply with no vendors and next year start earlier and do a bigger event.
 - If going the vendor route, must be decided ASAP as vendors will want to make arrangements.

H&S Communications

- Website for H&S – links to information, what is going on and more info – is that possible?
 - Will have to check into the rules.
- Newsletter for October – Current Parent has had to decline completing the October newsletter.

Open Discussion

- There a need for hats, gloves and snacks, any peanut free snacks, cheese strings, granola bars and apple sauce. Approved for H&S money to be spent to provide this
 - Question raised on how children would know that food was available in office.
- Cookies – Office no longer doing monthly cookie so H&S looking into offering.
- TICK on school property – former student found a tick on her pants.
- Safety on the new playground – all the wood around the new playground is cracked. Concerned on safety.
 - Will speak to facilities manager.

Next Meeting: Monday, 12th November 2018 at 6.30pm in the library.