

Copeland Public School

Minutes of School Council Meeting

Wednesday November 19, 2014

In Attendance :

Leanne Rathbone	Tracy De Jong	Alia Martaza
Harpreet Hassanwalia.	Shaminder Dhillon	Anju Mistry
Hina Syed	Lise Ouellette	Mohinder Narula
Sashanette Roberts	Cathy Ann Shim	Maneesh Cangalhealan
Jen Cuthbertson	Desiree	Tina Sodhi
Firdausi Sayeed	Torrey Mackintosh	

**My apologies if I have misspelled your name.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Item # 1	<u>Welcome/Approval of Agenda/Minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agenda approved by Tina Sodi and Hina Syed- Minutes approved by Shaminder Dhillon and Lisa Ouellette	
Item # 2	<u>Mme. Mackintosh</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- discussed Change for Change, Toys for Tots and Food Drive- Acceptable donations include non-perishable items, new toys and gift cards- Looking for volunteers to help count Change for Change on Tues. Dec 2, Fri. Dec 5, Tues. Dec 9 and Fri. Dec 12.- The Salvation Army will be picking up donated food on Dec15- The school will be helping 3 families possibly 4.- The staff will be conducting a bake sale during the evening winter concert on Dec 11th.- Grade 4 students will be helping out- Staff will be conducting a gift exchange where gifts will go to Toys for Tots- In lieu of gifts from students/parents to teachers, it has been suggested that a donation be made to Toys for Tots.	
Item # 3	<u>Principal's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcomed everyone to the meeting- Mrs. Rathbone discussed how the Great Start Orientation Workshop was insightful and informative. Sashanette who also attended enjoyed learning the purpose and functions of school council.- November 6 grade 1-5 progress reports went home. Parents were able to speak to the teachers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Jr.Kindergarten parents were able to observe the children while in the classroom. Our SK had interviews - Our Halloween parade was great. Students wore their costumes or fall colours and students were able to raise \$550 for United Way. - Resources were handed out from CODE to our School Council Rep all related to encouraging and building healthy relationships. One section Mrs. Rathbone shared was: Helping parents with talking to their children about diversity, mental well-being, bullying etc - The school will be hiring 14 supply or casual lunch room supervisors. - Board policy allows that If a teaching assistant and/or early childhood educator (ECE) are away, once the supply teacher list has been exhausted, if a school feels it is appropriate a lunchroom supervisor can be used in an emergency capacity for the day - When asked if there are qualifications for a Lunchroom supervisor? All lunchroom supervisor must go through a hiring process, including be fluent in English in order to give instruction, show they have worked with kids in the past and provide references as part of the hiring process - The back door has been replaced with a customized door. The reason behind the door has been changes is because the change in climate often affect the materials in the door throughout the day - There was a 2 day traffic survey done by the city of Brampton, and we continue to see Brampton By-law officers here from time to time - The report should be available soon - We believe the city has a plan to have traffic light located at Young Dr and James Potter Rd but we will have to wait for more information - Mrs. Rathbone explained in the am, that once teachers monitoring kiss and ride take off their vests, they are no longer on duty. Parents must sign in students in the office as they will be considered late. - Zorbit's math license was purchased for the kindergarten and will expand for the higher grades later - The winter concert will be held on Thurs. Dec 11th for primary grades. 																			
Item # 4	<p><u>Treasurer's Report - Tina Sodhi</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The LaMontagne fundraiser - approximately \$4340 worth of products were ordered. An estimated amount of \$1,736 was raised. - Approximately \$3500 was raised from 5 pizza days and 3 sub days from October to December. <p><u>Wish List</u></p> <p>The following wish list items have been approved.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1. Raz-Kids (Gr. 1-3) Reading program</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1378</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Mathletics (Gr.4-5) Math program</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Prologue.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. 12 French/English Dictionaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$288</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Music.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Library (Forest of Reading)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. 50 Yoga mats.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Groove Dance.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wish list total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7856</td> </tr> </table>	1. Raz-Kids (Gr. 1-3) Reading program	\$1378	2. Mathletics (Gr.4-5) Math program	\$1350	3. Prologue.	\$1200	4. 12 French/English Dictionaries	\$288	5. Music.	\$140	6. Library (Forest of Reading)	\$1500	7. 50 Yoga mats.	\$500	8. Groove Dance.	\$1500	Wish list total	\$7856	
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Item #5

Parent Concerns

(Responses given by Leanne Rathbone & Harpreet Hassanwalia)

Various Holy Days not being placed on calendar:

- there is not enough space on paper calendar for all High Holy days every month
- focus of paper calendar is school events and increased picture icons to improve the student's ability to use the calendar (foster independence) and allow some families whose first language is not English to read more easily
- Holy Days are being announced on the P.A during the morning announcements
- calendar on school website has all Holy Days

Bingo Night has been postponed:

- games of chance no longer permitted unless gaming license or permit has been issued following certain requirements.
- Details of requirements will be looked into.

Movie night will held on Feb 4 & 5,2015:

- movie has not yet been chosen

Grade 2s in portables:

- Parents are still concerned and unhappy that Grade 2's are in portables with winter approaching. More consideration would like to be seen when creating classes for next year.
- Mrs. Rathbone again acknowledged this was a change for Copeland this year, but also mentioned Grade 3 and Grade 4 are in portables as well. And original class sizes for our juniors were over 30 students, so they would not have fit in a portable.

JK & SK outside for 40 mins vs. Gr 1-5 outside for 20mins:

- Parents are concerned that JK/SK students are outside for too long when it is too cold
- kindergarten are not just playing, it is a part of their program
- they conduct educational activities and go for walks
- they have the option to break into small groups
- they can change it up. Some inside, some outside
- peel board has guidelines for when students must stay inside due to weather temperatures
- parents are encouraged to talk to teachers about the program
- Mrs. Rathbone shared a document outlining the many benefits of outdoor play and ways staff in a Full day kindergarten setting will incorporate all the areas into outdoor play

Kiss & Ride(teachers rushing parents):

- A parent is frustrated that she cannot get out of her car to buckle her child safely but feels she has no other option.
- parents must remain in car due to safety reasons
- Mrs. Rathbone explained that the Kiss and Ride policy
- only door on side of curb should be opened on the vehicle

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parents who need to buckle their children or whose children are not independent enough, are encouraged not to use the Kiss and Ride because they will need more support and staff are not going to be able to do those roles for the children -suggestion was given that a flyer should be given to drivers about the safety rules of kiss and ride - Mrs. Rathbone suggested this be considered in the new year, once the traffic survey is received and all the results can be shared at one time 	
Item #6	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no new business discussed 	
Item #7	<p><u>Public Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no time 	
	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2014</p>	