

School Council Meeting – Monday March 7, 2016

Present: Shari Nickle, Katherine Headley, Kristine Barron, Kim Moennick, Jenn Luxmore-Begin,

Regrets: Peggy Bell

Call to order - Katherine, 6:35pm

Minute taker – Kristine

January's meeting minutes approved – Katherine to send out email with minutes

Budget:

- Peggy sent info to Katherine (see email) regarding the current status
- \$643 is the current balance. Some of the money went to the following:
- \$182 was allocated to the Big Crunch
- \$813 was withdrawn for the Performing Arts
- \$650 was allocated to the grade 5 celebration
- \$200 for field trip fund
- paid for (funded) the Saltun of Strings
- there is a need for approximately \$500 more which will be made through pizza lunch

Parent Engagement Fund

- discussed the kids extra curricular and engaging families
- Move-a-thon - \$4,800 was raised which will help pay for Music Around the World for the kindergartens (grades 1 – 5 workshop is free)
- Michael Mitchell – Canada Day Celebration

- three concerts coming up in April – everyone is doing 'Pirates'
- grade 3 – April 19th at 7pm
- grade 4/5 – April 21st – 7pm
- kinders – April 28th – 6:30pm

Pro Grant

- March 31st will be Math & Science night
- no RSVP required this year as all can attend – staff are planning for 250 families as it is an open invitation
- it will be set up as rotation stations and goodie bags will be given out
- students will be informed after March break
- many teachers on board to attend

Additional upcoming events

- May 11th is Welcome to Kindergarten night – YMCA staff will attend
- as well on May 11th is the dinner – a night to feel inclusive and for networking

- April 11th is the new PA day – staff will engage in occupational health and safety in the am and continue focus on numeracy and literacy (working on how we assess and engage kids)
- May 2nd – Music Monday

Transitions – dates coming up for grade 5 students to visit Erin Mills and for current Erin Mills students to come speak at Garthwood

- parent evening – once date is confirmed, it will be shared
- planning farewell – usually happens the second last day of school – teachers currently negotiating date
- will be shared on next calendar

EQAO – grade three students – dates set with a two week window towards the end of April and finishing up May 8 – this will be shared on the next calendar

Program Grant for next year

- Jen shared an idea of having a yoga workshop – runs approximately one hour
- Katherine volunteered to work on it with Jen as it is to be submitted (proposal) by May 12th
- possibly calling the evening/event Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Next and last meeting for the year is May 2nd, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm