

Roger Neilson School Council Meeting

Thursday November 28th - Hybrid In-person/Virtual

Minutes

Present:

Kevin Coulter (Principal)

Mandy Bush (Chair)

Brooklyn Sinclair (Secretary)

Julia Wiegard (Treasurer)

Myla Bromell

Alice Bennight

Pam Kearnan

Tori Schaap (Compass Early Learning and Care)

Tanya Leal

Minutes:

Kevin Coulter opened the meeting and Mandy read the acknowledgment that we respectfully gather on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg. We had a couple of members missing so we just went ahead with the meeting.

Principal's Report:

Kevin Coulter presented the principal's report. He spoke about how the illnesses at school are abundant as it is cold and flu season. We had a case of Fifth's Disease in the school so proper protocol was followed and signs were put up to warn visitors to the school.

Staff updates are as follows:

Jen Robertson, our librarian, is off on leave and in her place is Gal Amit. Ms Piercey in the SK/1 class is also off on leave and filling in for her is Ms Boyce. Our phys-ed teacher Mrs Campbell was injured so covering for her is Ms Sollen.

Progress reports have gone home with students and parent teacher interviews are happening. The SK-2 provincial reading screener has happened and results have gone home. This is a screener to see where these students are at with their reading level. This will be happening again in February.

The Remembrance Day assembly happened and was great. Students were very respectful and it was a beautiful assembly.

Teacher's Report:

Teachers report was presented by Pam Kearnan.

For sports, Mr.Gibson is continuing with Passball which seems to be a big hit with the students. Mrs.Sundup and Mrs.Martin took the Jr Girl's volleyball teams to Crestwood where they played well and had fun. Mr.Henderson coached the Jr Boys' volleyball team where they played very well and ended up winning 4 out of 5 games.

Holiday Windows will be happening again this year as it was well received last year. It will be happening December 10th from 12-1pm (**RESCHEDULED TO DECEMBER 17TH BECAUSE OF SNOW DAYS**). Parents will be able to visit their child's classroom and see what fun craft/song/play/etc. they have been working on. Each window is 20 minutes so parents with multiple children can see each child.

Raffle Baskets will be set up for the Christmas windows. There are 6 baskets, classes have partnered up and sent home requests for donations from families. These will be available to view/bid on at the Christmas windows and winners will be announced at the end of the day to pick up the 18th before school is out for the winter break.

Mathletes will be returning on December 12th for the grade 3-6 students. This was very well received last year so we look forward to doing it again this year.

Ms.Barry's class went to the Angler's and Hunter's Education Centre and they had a fantastic time.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance as of this meeting is \$5298.57

Our chocolate fundraiser is over and we raised 2994.98

Our Jr Dance raised 316.80 and the primary movie night raised \$262.25.

We will be purchasing Buddy Benches with the money raised by our chocolate sales. The price of these comes to \$2305, with \$315 in freight charges coming from Alberta. Motioned by Mandy and seconded by Julia.

We ordered 2 outdoor feather flags for our sports teams, these cost \$376.65.

Agenda Items:

- Sharing is Caring Christmas Gala is happening again. This has happened for the last couple of years where the Breakfast Club of Canada sends 2-4 age appropriate toys to the school to go home with each student. The idea is that students will keep 1 or 2 toys and donate or gift the rest, although this isn't mandatory of course. The children also get a yummy lunch and treats. We are very thankful to have this again this year.
- Regional School Council meeting happened and Mandy attended in Newcastle. Members were voted in. They spoke about the Parent Involvement Committee and getting parents more involved in the school. Next meeting is December 3rd.
- December 10th will be a live stream of the board committee about positive climate.
- Our yearly Holiday Shopping Spree will be Wednesday December 11th. Items are donated by our generous school community and will be for sale ranging from \$1-\$6 per item.
- The school council has applied for the PARENT REACHING OUT (PRO) Grant again this year. We are hoping to do a "Mindfulness and Mental Health" night for the students at the school. Some ideas we've had for this evening include yoga, calm down bottle creating, breathing stones as well as online safety, bullying info. We are planning this for an evening in May. A date will be picked and announced in the upcoming meetings.
- The Positive School Climate Committee will be meeting to collect data about bullying and safety within the school and community. This committee involves the school principal, a teacher, a CUPE representative as well as students, parents and community members. Our members are as follows: Kevin Coulter (principal) Pam Kearnan (teacher rep) Stephanie LaRoque (CUPE) Tori Schapp (community) Mandy Bush (parent) Myla Bromell (parent) Hana Bromell (student) Brooklyn

Sinclair (parent) and Grace Sinclair (student). The first meeting will take place December 18th.

- January 30th will be our next primary (K-4) movie night.
- February 14th will be the Jr Dance. (4-6)
- Grade 4's are welcome at either of these events.
- Our next meeting will be Thursday January 23rd in the Roger Neilson School Library at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned.