

Minesing Central Public School Council

February 3, 2016

Members Present: Jen Fairbairn, Diana Smith, Kirsten Phillips, Lori Closs-Phillips, Tara Sutton, Jody DeGrechie, , Sarah Carisse, Carol Clemens, Jen Fraser, Jen Aistrop
Staff: Rick Meraska (Teacher rep), Sonia Kadela (Principal), Jeff Dunlop (Teacher)

1. Introduction and Welcome
 - a. Tara Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips, co-chairs welcome

2. Review of Council Minutes from December, 2015
 - a. No issues arising from minutes
 - b. Motion to adopt minutes, Diana, seconded Jen Fairbairn

3. Treasury Report-Kirsten Phillips led us through the report and we looked at fundraising balances

4. Grade 8 Fundraising-Jen Aistrop
 - a. Grade 8's have raised \$217/student for trip-they can only raise up to half of the cost of the trip (about \$315/student)
 - b. Continuing with popcorn and Appleby's fundraisers
 - c. Contacted Menchies about possible fundraiser for frozen yogurt delivered on the day and a Menchies day with 10% of sales going toward school-Tara will contact Menchies and bring information to the next meeting as a possible school fundraiser (Friday 1st Nutrition break possibility)
 - d. Hotdog and popcorn sales will continue through June with money raised that month going toward Grade 8 graduation
 - e. School Council has allocated \$500 for graduation

5. Principal/Teacher Report
 - a. HST to be added to fundraising report as separate line item for funds received; allocated to School Cash system fee and General School needs
 - i. Discussion about School Cash system fee; what is fee for? % of all funds coming into school
 - ii. Sonia to invite Jeanine Lloyd to explain fee to council, so council can explain it to other parents; next meeting in April
 - b. Professional Development for the teachers (board budget) in January; another in February
 - i. Worked on Rich Math Problems (conversations, observations and products); 4 block model
 - ii. Requests for more iPads to support – board to provide 5 as part of technology use in school
 - c. Transforming Our Learning Spaces

- i. Board initiative; collaborative spaces – education moving from single student desk model to innovate learning spaces; standing desks, sitting desks, floor space
 - ii. Would like to expand to all classrooms (started with grade 3 classrooms); add request to newsletter for ‘gently used furniture’ that would work within classes
 - 1. Council project to revamp a space in main foyer
 - d. Carnaval
 - i. Moved from Fri Feb 5 to Fri Feb 19th, due to weather
 - ii. Council providing hot chocolate – thank you!
 - e. School Council Summary (PIC committee)
 - i. 107 surveys distributed, 46 completed by school councils
 - ii. Provided to council to review results
 - f. EQAO
 - i. Will be happening this year
 - ii. Community feeling about EQAO; important from a school point of view and real estate point of view; important for kids to learn how to take tests without feeling anxious
 - iii. School has purchased booklets to help with studying and getting prepared for testing; previously used by other local school
 - iv. Format revised to reflect new format from the Board/Ontario
 - v. Fun days around EQAO in the past; focus on the test during the test, fun before/after to prevent distractions
- 6. Wellness evening – Mr. Meraska
 - i. Insert in Springwater News generating interest from community, volunteers
 - ii. April 27th
 - iii. Board will do media release
 - iv. E-mail from former parent ‘offering’ retail services
 - 1. Response was that this is an information session, not for selling products; council agreed
 - v. Thank you to everyone who is involved!
- 7. Math Night – Jeff Dunlop
 - a. Next council meeting night – March 2, 6:30
 - b. Sign-up sheet for volunteers passed around
 - i. Members present signed-up; absent council members will be e-mailed to sign-up for remaining spots
 - c. ProGrant allows 15% for refreshments (\$75) for this event
 - i. Beverages only?
 - d. Items to be purchased by Feb 19; need volunteers to assemble packages (~100 handed out last year) week of Feb 22

8. Update on Council Projects

- a. Lunch program discussion
 - i. New volunteer calendar (use Google calendar – Jeff Dunlop to set up?)
 - 1. Lets office know who is supposed to be at school each day for lunch programs; if person who is listed cannot make it, they are responsible to find replacement
 - ii. Are lunch orders too complicated?
 - 1. Forest Hill model orders same thing every week for 10 weeks (ie. same pizza slice every week)
 - 2. Idea: Order same item every time (ie. ham pita each week) but allow for selection of weeks? Or all or nothing? Order one month at a time, or longer periods of time?
 - 3. Milk? Some people might just want it once a week?
- b. Classroom 'extra' bins still being filled; filled on need
- c. New fundraising initiative
 - i. Hosting rain barrel sale – review in detail at next meeting
 - 1. Lori will e-mail details to council
- d. Keep bike rodeo in mind; discuss at next meeting (June 8 – tentative)

9. Closing

- a. Next meeting April 6, 2016
- b. Adjourned at 8:12 pm