

Minesing Central Public School Council
January 11, 2017

Members Present: Jody Zurbrigg, Sara vanKolfshoten, Sarah Carisse,, Jen Fraser, Angela Hilts, Tara Sutton

Staff: Jeff Dunlop (Teacher rep), Sonia Kadela (Principal), Carol Timpano (VP)

1. Welcome: Tara Sutton
2. Meeting minutes from November 2nd
Sarah motioned to adopt as issued, Angela seconded
3. Principal/Teacher report:
 - a. Reviewing EQAO test results to understand how to best help students succeed.
 - i. Ruth Beatty coming to school to work on areas identified to improve performance
 - ii. Focus areas in math and literacy looked at; multiple choice questions seem to be a struggle point
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - i. Carnival scheduled for Feb 3rd, weather permitting
 1. Request council to fund hot chocolate; additionally request reimbursement for Merry Mustangs chocolate – unanimous vote from council to fund both
 - ii. Global School Play Day scheduled for Feb 1st
 1. Unstructured play for students; bring in toys (no batteries or electronics) and no adult involvement unless child is being hurt; encourage free play, problem solving empathy
 2. 100 minutes of child led activities
 - c. Leadership team – concerns from parents about selection process to be on the team
 - i. Changing process for selection to make it open and transparent and to include all aspects of leadership within the school
 - d. Merry Mustangs – looking for feedback on this year’s event
 - i. Concerns that it was hard to hear, difficult to see performance and cold
 - ii. Discussion about moving it back inside vs keeping it outside; idea to keep it outside but put performances in the gym (standing room only)
 - iii. This year’s committee did a great job this year – improved over previous years

e. Grade 8 trip

- i. First deposit paid, next deposit due January 24.
- ii. 4 students not going (need to confirm final fundraising amounts to determine final payments from parents)
- iii. Bake sales have done very well this year

f. Forest of Reading

- i. Mrs. Beacom has purchased the books for this year's Forest of Reading – to be paid for by council

g. Parent/School Climate Survey

- i. Sent out by SCDSB for parents to complete between Jan 9th and 27th – will be emailed out

h. STEAM

- i. Using ProGrant for STEAM night this year, March 1, 5:30 – 7:30pm
- ii. Family evening, combining student and parent activities for engagement
- iii. Need to brainstorm for how the evening might look and what type of activities will be featured – Carol, Tamara and Jody on steering committee to set direction; ideas from council are welcome
- iv. Parent volunteers are needed to run the stations (this event replaces the normal council meeting in March)
- v. Survey regarding STEAM and parent hopes/expectations/understanding to go out ASAP to help with planning

4. Council Projects:

a. Lunch Program

- i. Confusion regarding file folders vs pink basket; need Laura Lea to write out instructions for how to run each program so clear for volunteers
- ii. People are on rotation for lunches; staffing is okay but new people and some requirements are unclear
- iii. Sarah, Sara and Angela are available for additional support

b. Colt tickets

- i. Opportunity for another night
- ii. Sarah to look into March 9 or Feb 25 for tickets to sell

7. New business

a. Hewitts

- i. Run for Easter, pick-up at school or Hewitts
- ii. Discussion about whether to run this year or not – decided to try as Hewitts will do all the administrative work
- iii. Need to confirm payment methods because current order is a form – what about online and/or credit card payments?
- iv. Jody, Sarah and Sara to support pick-up April 12th

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting Feb 1, 2017 at 6:30pm