

## **Minesing Central Public School Council**

### **January 6, 2016**

Members Present: Tamara Molloy, Angela Hilts, Diana Smith, Lori Closs-Phillips, Tara Stutton, Sara vanKolschoten, Jody DeGrechie, Jen Fraser, Sarah Carisse, Carol Clemens, Yvonne Stahlmann  
Staff: Rick Meraska (Teacher rep), Sonia Kadela (Principal), Jeff Dunlop (Teacher)

Guests: Robert Harrower (YMCA), Kayleigh Neddeau

1. Introduction and Welcome
  - a. Tara Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips, co-chairs welcome
  
2. Review of Council Minutes from November 2 , 2015
  - a. Minutes adopted via e-mail December
  
3. Principal Report
  - a. More development on math problems – deeper questions and understanding, focus less on final answer and more on process
    - i. Triangle model: product, conversation (conferencing) and observation
  - b. Google Drive being used by students and teacher; can be accessed by parents
    - i. Can review comments from teachers, how students are accepting and responding to feedback
    - ii. Parents and teachers still getting used to new technologies
    - iii. Moving away from ‘Industrial Model’ of teaching, more movement, interaction, adapting, collaboration
  - c. Christmas Cheer
    - i. Big success; 7 items per child
    - ii. Students went to work at Food Bank
  - d. Spirit Day
    - i. January 28<sup>th</sup>; wear house colours
  - e. Outdoor Merry Mustang celebration
    - i. Thanks to all who helped; great turnout from community
    - ii. Hard to hear students singing; suggestion to have students in the middle with parents around the outside
    - iii. Silent Auction held for Grade 8 fundraiser – raised over \$4000 for trip
    - iv. Request to fund hot chocolate for this and Carnival – total of \$110
      1. Sarah moved to fund, Angela seconded
  - f. Fundraising plan wording
    - i. Motion to revise fundraising plan to say ‘Field Trips and Presentations’
      1. Tamara moved, Diana seconded
  - g. Grade 8 trip
    - i. All students signed-up to attended

- ii. Cost estimated at \$630 per student
    - iii. Fundraising going well for Grade 8s
  - h. Review of Purchases
    - i. 2 projectors installed; all classrooms except Mrs. Sharpe's have installed projectors; council planned to pay for 1 projector, school board paid for second
    - ii. Mrs. Beacom has purchased books for Forest of Reading (\$1000) to be paid by Colts Ticket sales (\$648)
    - iii. Would like to purchase 12 more Chrome Books (\$5000)
- 4. Update on Council Projects/Fundraising
  - a. Fundraising falling short of targets
  - b. Dip in lunches due to move to e-mail notifications – Forest Hill experienced same
  - c. Big Box still upcoming – March timing
  - d. Nicholyn meat order did not do well – 30% of target
    - i. Will investigate MacGregor meats instead and bring information to February council meeting
    - ii. Can it go on School Cash on-line? Need to determine
  - e. Pizza Kits
    - i. Kayleigh and Tara will run
    - ii. Bring more information to next council meeting
  - f. Frozen Yogurt
    - i. First break on Fridays; need to find source and pricing
    - ii. No preorder – will run like popcorn
    - iii. Bring information to next council meetings and set schedule
- 5. Teacher Report
  - a. Springwater Golf Course
    - i. Will sponsor golf program at Minesing for 2/3 days
  - b. Wellness Group Committee
    - i. April 27<sup>th</sup> for Wellness night
    - ii. 30-35 wellness groups doing carousel in gym between 6:30-8:30pm
    - iii. Invite to be extended to community, not just for school
    - iv. Mini-workshops for students (yoga, digital citizenship, art therapy)
    - v. Parent's Reaching Out (PRO)Grant funded
    - vi. Media presence to cover event; CHAY, Snap'd, Community Boards, Springwater News
- 6. Math Night – Jeff Dunlop
  - a. March 2, 2016
  - b. PROGrant funded, second council event
  - c. Taking what is happening in classroom and putting it on display (with hats!)
  - d. Opportunity to showcase council fundraising efforts as well

- e. Stations run by students with a teacher or parent
- f. Suggestion to keep games to small groups for better participation
- g. Council members needed to help arrange take-home bags, run stations, buy supplies, etc.
- h. Prepare list of tasks needed and sign up volunteers; discuss at next council meeting

7. New Business

- a. Jen Burns requesting help with Pizza an Pita Pit for next month
  - i. Laura Lee to help?
  - ii. Someone required to come to school from end of January to February to supervise pizza delivery
    - 1. Sarah will come from February 7<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Diana to request Laura Lee to help
    - 3. Any parent volunteers who are here on Wednesdays? Check binder of volunteers in office
- b. Snack buckets
  - i. Provide extra food if children don't have enough lunch or forgot
  - ii. Running very well – thank you

8. Closing

- a. Next meeting February 3, 2016
- b. Adjourned at 7:33pm