

## **Minesing Central Public School Council**

### **May 4, 2016**

Members Present: Jen Fairbairn, Diana Smith, Kirsten Phillips, Lori Closs-Phillips, Tara Sutton, Jody DeGrechie, , Sarah Carisse, Carol Clemens, Jen Fraser, Carrie Leskew, Angela Hilts, Sara vanKolschoten, Tamara Molloy

Staff: Rick Meraska (Teacher rep), Sonia Kadela (Principal), Jeff Dunlop (Teacher)

Guest: Robert Harrower

1. Introduction and Welcome
  - a. Tara Sutton and Lori Closs-Phillips, co-chairs welcome
  
2. Review of Council Minutes from April 6, 2016
  - a. No issues arising from minutes
  - b. Motion to adopt minutes, Angela Hilts moved, Tamara Molloy seconded
  
3. Character awards
  - a. Do students know why they are receiving them? Written in Kindergarten, but no other grades; teachers should advise on why and students need to ask their teachers.
  - b. Do parents find out when their children are receiving awards? No – recognized at assemblies and awards handed out individually
  - c. Assemblies are now virtual, so awards are no longer handed out in gymnasium during full school assemblies; assemblies may be posted on line (pending review of any students in assembly who should not be in media events posted to the public)
  
4. Principal/Teacher Report
  - a. Clip of “Transforming Learning Spaces” featuring Minesing’s use of alternate classroom layouts (standing desks, low desks, carpet spaces, bean bags, etc)
  - b. Wellness evening recap:
    - i. Survey completed by 42 attendees; review of results
    - ii. Good feedback overall; well received by community
  - c. Next year’s ProGrant
    - i. STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math?
    - ii. Forrest Willett..... – building resilience, impactful speaker, but what is cost? If cost fits within budget, council would like to pursue this option
    - iii. Must submit proposal by May 29<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Change timing? Start towards end of school day, carry over into the evening for better attendance
  - d. Grade 8 Grad
    - i. Committees up and running; holding meetings to prepare for graduation

5. Grade 8 fundraising
  - a. Each child paid \$290 each; fundraising went very well, well managed
  - b. Need further discussion on amount of fundraising for Grade 8; some parents have expressed that they would like less fundraising and pay more for the trips
  - c. Should Grade 8 fundraising be better directed towards overall council fundraising?
    - i. Hot dogs and bake sales stay with Grade 8s
    - ii. Applebee's breakfast did very well; students contributed and participated (maybe allocate to graduation instead of trip?)
    - iii. Discuss with Grade 8 parent rep in September; change constitution
  
6. Council Projects
  - a. QSP
    - i. Didn't make as much this year as last year; do we want to run again next year?
    - ii. Run it just on-line, no assembly, no prizes; run all year, quarterly reminder  
Tamara moved , Carol seconded; start October 1st
  - b. Fresh from the Farm
    - i. Sells fresh Ontario fruits and vegetables for school fundraising
    - ii. 2 options for bulk root vegetables; parents pick-up at school; start Sept/Oct
    - iii. Tamara moved, Diana seconded
  - c. Big Box of Cards
    - i. Very well received; run again next year
    - ii. Need more volunteers to run
  - d. Advertising of fundraising activities
    - i. Use school newsletter to highlight fundraising
  - e. Bike Rodeo – June 8
    - i. Sign-up sheet passed around
    - ii. Advertising for event
    - iii. Chevy's confirmed for food
    - iv. Looking for prizes for 'door prize'
    - v. Use volunteer book to fill spots for night
  - f. Parent volunteer co-ordinator
    - i. Used at other schools to help fill spots for events
    - ii. E-mail to people who have expressed an interest in volunteering
  
7. New Business
  - a. Volunteer fees
    - i. Trip asking volunteers to pay for their own entrance fees – normal practice? If fees are not covered by venue, yes, volunteers must pay own fee
  - b. Colts Night
    - i. Pre-booking for first two months already
      1. \$20/ticket; \$6 back to school
    - ii. Saturday early in the season (Oct/Nov)

8. Closing

- a. Next meeting June 1, 2016
- b. Adjourned at 8:05 pm