

Minesing Central Public School Council

October 14, 2015

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

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

Guests: Michelle Phillips, Robert Harrower (YMCA), Sue McAllister (YMCA)

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

2. Twisted Indian Modern Wraps
 - a. Presentation of new healthy lunch option from owners ; approved by school board
 - b. Sample of wraps provided to council; spiciness can be adjusted
 - c. Cost of \$4.25 for a wrap

3. Review of Council Minutes from September 16, 2015
 - a. No issues arising from minutes
 - b. Motion to adopt minutes, Jen, seconded Lori

4. Principal's report
 - a. Turnaround day, moved about 60 kids
 - i. Biggest concern comes from parents with students in combined class
 1. Combined classes students are still taught to their grade level
 2. Information provided in newsletter as well as to individual parents
 3. Classroom organization approved (dictated) by board, not school
 - b. New DECE into full time kindergarten classroom
 - i. Starting November 4, Nancy Robitaille
 - c. Classroom strategies being used
 - i. STEAM, 4 Block, etc
 - d. Terry Fox
 - i. Colour houses, assembly, well received
 - e. Pizza Q
 - i. \$425 raised
 - ii. Open house went well
 - f. Extra-curricular sports
 - i. Still on-going even without communication going home
 - g. Newsletters/Lunch Order/Etc
 - i. Parent e-mails entered, and all information being e-mailed home
 - h. New Vice Principal

- i. Carol Timpano (0.4 VP, 0.6 Teacher)
- i. ProGrant
 - i. \$1000 received
 - ii. Need to plan events – math night (March 2)
- j. Mental Health and Well Being Night
 - 1. \$1000 extra received for last year’s Dr. Benjamin
 - 2. Sigmund Brower – November 16th – 2 presentations K-3 and 4-8
 - 3. Another guest speaker – Rachael Ashley, “No Time for That” cross-Canada tour (anti-bullying, self-esteem, making good choices)
 - a. No charge for show, but asks for donation to cover travel costs
 - b. Will be in area in November, booked to come to Minesing November 27th
 - c. Parents can sit in on assembly
 - d. More details to follow
- k. Mental Health/Well Being Carousel Night – Early Stage planning
 - i. Invite agencies in area, neighboring schools, community for families to understand what is available to offer for support
 - ii. Feedback positive from council
 - iii. Still in idea development stage
- l. 4 block problem solving
 - i. Initiative from last year from teachers based on EQAO data
 - ii. Improving kids attitudes towards math, focusing on understanding questions
 - iii. More to report in the next few months as work continues
- m. Google Doc/Google Classroom for collaborative working
 - i. Being used more extensively in classroom
- n. School enhancement
 - i. \$4000 will be used for basketball nets, backboards; Mr. Frankcom still working to bring in
 - ii. Priced from Wintergreen, using \$400 from Jump Rope for Heart
- o. Lunch/Milk Program
 - i. Starting up, going well
 - ii. Request from Jody to ensure one weekend given for ordering
- p. QSP assembly
 - i. Went well, children excited
- q. Lunch program
 - i. Review of Forest Hill Public School lunch program
 - ii. All lunch orders are combined for ‘order periods’ – 4 times per year
 - iii. Invite parent co-ordinator of lunch program to discuss details with Minesing
 - iv. Lori to co-ordinate putting together package/proposal for how to handle at Minesing

5. Fundraising Plan

- a. Review of last year's funds raised (including Grade 8 fundraiser)
- b. Council fundraisers for this year:
 - i. Little Caesar's pizza kits
 - ii. Snow Valley coupons
 1. \$20 selling price, \$10 to school
 2. Need to start selling soon, continue selling until end of March
 3. List of what's included in booklet
 - iii. Nicolyn Farms meat sales
 1. November order form
 2. Second date – under discussion, may need to request change to spring order form for better options
 - iv. Colt's Tickets – January 7th
 1. Discussion about second ticket sale, only available date March
 - a. Sara to investigate, council okay with 2 dates
 - v. Big Box Fundraising
 1. Box of cards for \$30, school receives \$10
 2. Vote on Big Box fundraising, passed unanimously
 - vi. Concession stands – October 19th
 1. Council to run, and money back to athletics
 2. Take from Grade 8
 - vii. QSP
 - viii. Lunches/Milk
- c. Programs to remove
 - i. Remove VISTA
 - ii. Unanimously passed to replace VISTA with Big Box
- d. Hot Dog lunches
 - i. Grade 8 fundraiser
- e. Planned expenditures
 - i. Review of where expected profits will be spent
 1. Technology (iPads, hover cams, chrome books)
 2. Athletics (tournaments, referees, substitute teachers, etc)
 - a. Cannot ask for money from parents, but can suggest donations to ensure equity
 - i. Include a 'did you know' fact in the council newsletter to make parents aware of this restriction
 3. Classroom needs, field trips, agendas, math contests
 4. Projectors and installation (3 classrooms still missing)
 5. School Cash online –0.7% of purchases (what is actual amount?)
 - ii. Plan must be submitted to board by end of October

6. Council Projects for 2016

- a. Pizza Q, Concession Stand, Grade 8 fundraisers, fundraisers for 2015-2016 already discussed (see above)
- b. Bike Rodeo
 - i. Carole e-mailed Police services for potential dates, but still too early to book; she will continue to monitor
- c. Lunch orders
 - i. Need to ensure all order forms are being picked up in classrooms

7. New Business

- a. Elmvale Fall Fair
 - i. School was going to participate this year, but work to rule prevented participation
 - ii. Will revisit for next year
- b. Buddy Bench
 - i. Being constructed in Mr. Frankcom's class
- c. Breakfast program
 - i. No program at Minesing, snack program for classrooms
 - ii. Need to show expenditures, new parent volunteer required to run
 - iii. Put in newsletter for parent volunteer for program

8. Closing

- a. Next meeting November 4, 2015
- b. Meeting adjourned 8:20pm