

Minesing Central Public School Council

April 5, 2017

Members Present:, Tamara Molloy, Angela Hilts, Diana Smith, Lori Closs-Phillips, Tara Marshall-Sutton, Sara van Kolfshoten, Sarah Carisse, Carol Clemens, Jen Fraser

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

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

2. Review of Council Minutes from February 1st , 2017
 - a. Minutes will be review and adopted at the May meeting or via e-mail in April

3. Principal Report
 - a. School Climate Survey
 - i. 52 parents, 17 staff members and the intermediate students responded to the survey
 - ii. All agreed that students were the best thing about the school. School spirit was positive and the outdoor space was important to responders
 - iii. There was common concern about stress and anxiety in students
 - b. Wellness Day-April 28th
 - i. 2 teachers visited Goodfellow school's Wellness Day
 - ii. On April 28th-students will go through 20 minute centres and/or sessions throughout the day. Sessions will focus on celebrating wellness and providing students with tools and strategies to incorporate mental wellness
 - iii. Potential assembly at the beginning and end of the day
 - c. Student Leadership
 - i. Student Leadership is being restructured for September to make the process more transparent-92% of students feel that there are opportunities to be involved at school, but only 71% of the students feel that they are involved
 - ii. Students will identify leadership opportunities or teams that they want to be a part of (ex. Milk Team or Library Team). Students will fill out an application (every year) in September and the staff will interview students for the various teams
 - d. Progressive Discipline
 - i. Working on a central plan for discipline and student success to fulfill board obligations-more universal approach
 - ii. Each teacher will decide what it looks like in each class/grade
 - iii. Considering restorative power cards, medicine wheels, "I will" statements
 - e. STEAM Night
 - i. Thanks to all who helped; great turnout-best attendance in a few years

- ii. 20 people filled out a survey about the evening-they agreed that it was a positive family night and that the activities were engaging. They enjoyed the hands-on, eating and coding activities the most
- iii. Some feedback-need more helpers at the stations and more time to get through all of the activities. Better map/signage may help and activities could be spread out a bit more or set up in classrooms
- iv. \$500 went toward the purchase of Dash and Dot robot and most of the money went to consumables for the activities
- v. Will repeat event next year after the March Break or during Education week?
- vi. PRO grant application for next year is due May 25th

f. Events

- i. Education week is the first week in May-Book Fair May 3rd
- ii. Celebrated World Autism Day on April 3rd-everyone wore blue-good discussions were happening around this topic
- iii. April 7-Grade 8 leaders doing Paint the Town Pink
- iv. April 12-International Day of Pink
- v. April 21-Earth Day clean-up
- vi. May 26-Grade 7's to Stratford
- vii. Grade 8's to Quebec-May
- viii. June 13th-Grade 3-6 to King's Wharf to see Terry Fox, the Musical
- ix. EQAO-Grade 3 and 6-100 minutes for 6 days-May 23rd-June 2
- x. Jeff Dunlop-discussed the Elder visit in the primary and junior divisions and after attending a staff inquiry, he ran a First Nations blanket activity with the Intermediate students-both were very successful and the school hopes to do the blanket activity every year with the Grade 7's
- xi. Eat Well to Excel-need food donations and Carol to send out reminder for help
- xii. School Photos-council voted unanimously to renew the photography contract with Green Apple Photos

g. Grade 8 trip

- i. \$12768.00 has been raised as of March 31st, for the Grade 8 trip
- ii. Popcorn is finished. Bake sale on April 11th.

4. Update on Council Projects/Fundraising

a. Bike Rodeo

- i. Bike Rodeo to be held on June 7 from 5-7-Police Committee is booked
- ii. Chevy's is not available that night, M&M's is \$350 and Snow Valley is expensive.
- iii. Talk of doing our own BBQ with hotdogs and sausages (it is hard to meet health codes when selling hamburgers) and also selling freezies and water
- iv. Looking at the option of no pre-ticket sales for food, just cash on site
- v. Diana is looking into free water, Sonia will look into permits/paperwork to the Health Unit or Township to have BBQ's on site and Sara, Lori and Tara to look after BBQ items

- vi. Carol to call Cloud Hop (which is now Party-Tyme) for price on the inflatable obstacle course.

- b. Lunches seem to be going well

- c. Hewitts-there were only 6 orders-look into adjusting the form so it could be read more easily, putting the form onto school cash online and doing the fundraiser at a different time of the year-Pick up is April 12 from 3:30-5:30

5. New Business

- a. Twisted Indian

- i. Twisted Indian has offered to bring in free wraps on a Tuesday of our choosing as a possible lunch program idea

- ii. Parents would have to opt in on-line and maybe a survey could go out to see if families are interested in this lunch option

- b. Mac's Gas Program/Test Drive Event

- i. Someone to look into these programs as possible fundraisers

6. Closing

- a. Next meeting May 3, 2017

- b. Adjourned at 8:05 pm