

## **School Council Minutes – November 6, 2013**

**In Attendance:** Erich Remisch, Angela Landry, Lynn Cochrane, Carrie Subrizi, Nadine Hilts-Avery, Melissa Cafik, Dana Edwards, Shelley Peebles, Martina Saller, and Lindsay Ross

### **Approval of past minutes:**

October Minutes: Approved by Dana 1<sup>st</sup>, Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting began at 9:40am

### **Treasurer's Report – Presented by Lynn Cochrane**

#### **Revenue**

Open House Pizza \$236

Cook Books \$6

Hot Lunch \$2504.45

Xmas Basket Donations \$350

#### **Expenses**

Kdg Play Equip \$182.54

Hot Lunch \$1280.30

License Fee \$150

### **School Council Reports:**

#### **Hot Lunch – presented by Melissa**

We received 149 orders for pita. There are two parents who enjoy volunteering for this and it has been working out well

#### **Volunteers – presented by Lynn/Sharon**

We are booked for volunteers for nutritional snack until end December. November 18 for head checks we have had one response to come and help. Nadine and Shelly have the most experience in this area. Erich has offered to help train when needed. Shelley will come in on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Principal's Report – presented by Erich Remisch:**

We have been seeing rather aggressive behaviour from our younger students this year. We are aware of it and working on strategies for these students. Some of our Grade 4 boys have presented with disruptive and rude behaviour. We have been fighting for more EA support and we have been given

some for a short period of time. This is done week by week and it is a constant struggle to maintain our EA support.

Staffing: Renee Paul is off right now but she could be returning in a few weeks. Marnie Gabriele has been covering the French and Brian Buckingham has been covering the remaining prep in the afternoon. When it comes to hiring Erich's hands are tied as to how he can hire and who he can hire. There are postings that have to happen and timelines that need to be followed.

Smartbooks: Have been ordered.

iPads: Still outstanding, waiting for board approval. We are ordering more iPads for the school out of school funds.

Lottery License: There is a new lady in the licensing office and Erich was concerned if we were still going to be able to do the Christmas baskets. We have been able to get the license for this year and we are making adjustments based on their recommendations.

Christmas Craft Night: The craft night will be taking place on December 12 between 6-7pm. Each classroom will be doing something different. It is an open house and everyone is welcome. Kindergarten concert will be Dec 11 around 11:45am. We are finding everything we use to do with Kindergarten we need to re-think as we have over 90 kids that will need to participate. Parent concern about Grade 2 Christmas concert and extended family to come to watch students performed. Community response to craft night is that people are disappointed.

#### Basket raffle – presented by Lynn:

Typically the draws happened during the concert and concerns about how we going to do this with everyone all over the school. Tickets will be drawn and announced over the PA. Thank you to the whole council as everyone has contributed. Everything is bought and it has been a fantastic year for donations. A lot of new businesses have donated, and some businesses have given a whole basket. We are focusing on quality items, kitchen, little boys farm basket, big girls x2, hockey, sports, little girls kitchen, man cave, children's music, outdoor fun, princess, family fun, Christmas, little boys construction, spa, pet, cottage, family memories, fitness and health. We have found a company to print the tickets. The open house will be a good time sell tickets. There are specifics that need to be added to the tickets. Info has been passed to Lynn. The best time to assemble baskets will be in the evenings. Custodians are here until 11pm. Assembly lists are ready to go and there are four dates to assemble and the time to start is 7pm. People can come earlier if they like. Ticket counting will happen Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and we will need volunteers for that. We normally give a prize to the top sellers, maybe we could give a gift card for a hot lunch at school? We need a roller for the tickets to be pulled from. Melissa will find out if we can use it.

Christmas Cards – presented by Dana:

We have gone to another company due to pricing and the proofs will be printed for free. Once we pick our date to draw, the printing company thinks it will take 6-7 days. They will do all the scanning, we just need to make sure students draw horizontally. Donna will make labels that will identify the siblings as well. He is giving us 16 cards per order. The more we buy the cheaper it will be. We are saving \$400.00 approximately by changing companies. Who's choice is it if the students draw with their siblings? We will send out a newsletter outlining this information and that students should let their teacher know if they need to draw with their siblings. We are hoping to have them back to parents no later than the first week of December. Dates for drawing will be Thursday November 7 and Friday November 8.

Holiday Gift Shop – presented by Nadine:

The dates that were pre-set from last year are the December 4(evening also) and 5(catch up day and anyone who missed). The stuff has already been sent. Where will be putting all of it? Volunteers will be needed to set up the Tuesday night, as well as people to stay on the Wednesday night. Sharon said she would like to be involved. A letter will need to go home ahead of time with a package that outlines what is available.

Staff Appreciation Potluck:

Agreed to end of year mutual appreciation pot luck.

Council Meetings to come:

- Council meeting for December 4 – cancelled
- January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held during day
- February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to be evening meeting. Time to be announced.

Christmas Hampers:

Council approved to continue purchasing turkeys. Erich will take care of the logistics of identifying families in need. Will we continue food donation for craft night instead of concert?

Teacher Wish List- presented by Erich:

- Pop up shade shelter
- Storage shed for Kindergarten stuff outside
- More iPads for the school
- Parent council suggestions: Bring in Zoo to you, Science in the classroom,

Progress Report– presented by Erich:

Reports go home on November 15. Parent/Teacher interviews – November 21. Teachers are asked to contact parents that didn't make the evening interviews

Skating – presented by Erich:

Skating will happen in February. Students will skate 4 times, except Kindergarten (they may only go twice). We will be looking lots of volunteers as we will be doing lessons etc. If students really do not want to participate, then parents will need to keep kids home. A note needs to go home before Christmas to let parents know we are doing this. We will need to look into helmets and new regulations.

Domino's pizza – presented by Dana:

Tickets are \$10.00 and they are \$100.00 value. This is a parent council fundraiser only. We can go and sell, then donate the money back. We will put some in the staff room, speak to friends and family to see if people are interested.

Reminder to discuss meeting dates for June due to track and field.

Meeting end: 11:10am - Dana and Nadine