

School Council Meeting

January 16, 2014

Attendees : Janette Keene, Ihsan Velah, Yu Mao (Student Council President), Isabel Costa (Teacher), Lascelle Myers, Tina Sharma, Kevin White, Catherine Dume, Jim Spiers (Principal)

Start: 7:10pm

Dance-a-thon - lots of ads have gone out – prizes.. Subway sales – Grade 8 group trip – skittles went well.

Up Feb 20 Boys Tournament

SC or Pizza

Fandom Day – Fav T-shirt Jan

Bank/Book

Principals Report:

- Jan 30 Dance-a-thon
- Jan 23 – Primary Concert
- January 27 Photos for graduates
- Feb 4 - Computer Tech
- Feb 5 – 7th Grade 8 goes to Ottawa
- Feb 5 Gator Games – Winter Olympics
- Feb 12 Rep
- Kinder Registration tomorrow – an additional 2 Kindergarten classrooms will begin construction in April – to be finished in September
- Feb 8 – Doors locked at 9:05 for security reasons. To enter people must buzz in. It's a part of the new safety and security measures in Ontario. Recess and after school was discussed and the issues with the change will be addressed.
- You are the Chef2 – 15 kids slated to be in the group. Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch recess
- Co-ed Volley Ball for Grades 4 – 6 is going well.
- Boys and girls intermediate Basketball going well.
- Feb 27 Math night – plan to have a guest speaker to talk to the whole group before breaking into rooms with Math games and other activities to help them to learn math – This is funded by the Parent reaching out grant
- Next time to apply - June deadline
- Feb 13 - Movie Night
- There is a parent in the hospital waiting for a kidney – suggestion to send flowers from the Council – agreed

- Discussion:
 - How to best promote the Dance-a-thon
 - Chess club is for all students
 - After 4:30 Caretaker allows the permit (adults responsible) to get the password, due to the big changes in security at the premises.
 - Parents who normally wait indoors for picking up their children will now wait outdoors. A letter will be posted and they will be reminded.
- Treasurers Report: postponed – Arlene is absent.
- Working with the City for planting trees – there is a delay due to the city’s ice storm clean up.
- How to educate more parents to join the council – speak to the new Kindergarten parents; Speak to the group of parents gathering on Thursday for the Primary Concert
- There could be a subcommittee for recognition of parent-volunteers
- Ensure that the lion-share of all monies set aside for the Council go to the students. Maybe a volunteer of the month picture of a parent which he or she could be recognized at Gator gatherings (or the child could accept on behalf of the parent)
- Pizza – Reginos is offering to have the offer on all Thursdays not every other due to the overwhelming success. Also Reginos is asking for it to be on Mondays or Wednesdays instead of Thursdays.
- Reginos will contribute all the Pizzas for the Dance-a-thon
- Assisting at the Primary Concert: man the raffle table, parking, crowd control, speak about the Council, and about other events (Dance-a-thon)
- Raffle tickets – 3 for \$5; 10 for \$10
- Volunteers for student council for the concert – no need
- Maybe we could do t-shirts or vests for the Council to help promote it to parents who are unaware – Orange (school colors?) would be good for the Fun Fair too
- Gathering more people how do the notices go out – the school office is the only way authorized with all the parents email addresses.
- We could use the newsletter with a banner at the top/bottom with a message from the Council
- Invite Best Practice – one meeting we will be inviting neighboring schools council members to join us and tell their best practices. 2 at most.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:04