

Meeting Minutes

Meadowbrook Public School

School Council

Monday December 5th, 2016 7:00pm

Meeting called by: School Council

Type of meeting: Monthly (4 of 10)

Facilitator: Hayley Hobor

Notetaker: Hayley Hobor

Please read: November minutes

Total time: 1 hour 20 mins

Topic

Guest Speaker – Jennifer Gillespie

- Area Representative, (insert title here)
- Introduction to the role and what she can do to help our school
- Assists with school needs and communication with families
- Strong mental health focus
- Assistance in programs such as nutrition, extra-curricular, parenting
- Helps families with disabilities and those that require basic needs support
- Involved in parent engagement projects
- Provides resources to schools involving community partners

Approval of November minutes & action items

- Minutes not approved, no quorum, put on January agenda
- Spirit wear order is submitted

Fundraising update

- QSP completed and only 2-3 issues that are being dealt with
- Successful fundraising campaign, total dollars raised is \$ (insert #)

Playground Committee – update

- No one present to report, put on January agenda

School events – PRO grant planning

- Event date confirmed for Feb 23rd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- \$1000 grant from the YRDSB to spend as per the application
- ACTION: all members look for prize donations and food donations
- Chris Volm requested as guest speaker
- ACTION: Lorraine to confirm Chris' attendance and look to cost, seek approval from council
- ACTION: Louanne and Jenn Apps to look into community partnerships with the town of Newmarket Library and Newmake-it
- Possible ideas for prize draws include: headsets, itunes gift cards, computer accessories

- ACTION: Lorriane and Jenn Apps to place date and information in newsletter, eblasts, posters to be made by kids in January
 - Event to be set up with rotating stations of 45 minutes each, then a 15 minute break, schedule to be determined. York Regional Police to speak as well as guest speaker for one hour.
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Homework discussion – general school policy

- School policy on homework given out at beginning of year with the book of forms.
 - Reading is the focus each and every day.
 - Homework is typically any work that did not get done in class
 - Teachers find it hard to assess work brought home for a mark as they are not sure how much help was given to student.
 - Extra practice work can be given to students, parents should ask each individual teacher based on your child's needs.
 - Most math work is in class as it is inquiry based and collaborative, it involves discussion and groups and unable to do this at home.
 - There is always additional supports for at home, some include math games like prodigy or online tools like tumblebooks (free library books online).
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Staff Report

- Christmas concert to be broken up into age groups, there will be a dress rehearsal during the day at 1045 for those that cannot make the evening performance.
- Math Jam was held for grades k-3 on Wed Dec 7th
- Hour of code at school for all ages, all week, kids learning to use technology to code programs
- New chromebooks are in and kids are already using them, thank you to school council for supporting the funding
- 500 free reading books given to the school, hardcover, thank you to Jennifer Gillespie for arranging this donation from First Books Canada
- Volleyball for juniors is happening now
- Chess club has started, Ms Myers is in need of a timer, look at January meeting to vote on purchasing this
- Food and clothing drive happening now until Dec 15
- Lost and found will be out and on display until Dec 15 and then items will be donated
- FAST program is coming back to the school. It is for grades k to 1 mainly, 8 week program run by family services of York Region. Parents have discussions about family topics, family dinner is served and kids play together. More info in 2017.
- Next Gen men is a program coming to the school as an after school program
- Seneca College and their DECE program is coming to the school for a 12 week early years program for their practicum

Next meeting : January 9th, 2017 7 pm

