

Meadowbrook P.S. Parent Council – November 4th 2013 Minutes

Attending Voting Members- Stacey, Jill, Sandy, Katie, Chris, Hayley, Lori, Jennifer, Trish, Rachel, and Angela

Absent Voting Members – Danielle, Tony, and Gail

Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved with some corrections. A corrected copy will be email to everyone ASAP and the November minutes will be sent out to be reviewed and corrected if necessary before the December meeting.

Fundraising

We do not have a final number on the Entertainment coupon book fundraiser due to the number of missing books. 3 reminder notices have been sent out. One was sent just before the end of the event to remind everyone it was ending and 2 after the end to say that it was over and the book/money hadn't been returned yet. If we don't get all the books back we are responsible for all but 10. We are allowed 10 missing books only. Many members of council offered to call parents of missing books if needed. Jennifer Apps is going to follow up on this and will have final amounts for the December meeting.

Treasurers report

Treasurers report was handed out to everyone to review . Hayley is working closely with Dawna Thompson to make it more user friendly. Concern was voiced that we aren't spending our money and it was shown that we are. The amount for busses from last year didn't come

out of our account until September of this year due to the Board having year end in August.

Supply Teachers

This heading will be removed from the budget as it is no longer allowed.

Arts program

This is for an artist/musician to visit the school. 2 years ago it was the musician Michael Mitchell . Amount of \$1,000 was approved for budget by all.

Busses/Trip Support

It was asked if you could get an amount of the cost of each bus (Jen Diceman will look into this for us.) It was asked if we could not just bring someone in for the whole school as a one shot event. It was explained that bus trips are tied to the curriculum for each class and it would be hard to have one event for all grades . \$3,000 was approved for budget by all.

Safe schools

This heading will be removed from the budget

Graduation

Budget was approved at \$500 . The issue was raised of if we could get a loyalty discount from Keith Trophy's or if we wanted to shop around the area for quotes. All present approved.

Technology

This was approved in the October meeting. Total spent is \$1,800. Dawna Thompson's new monitor was not ordered under this amount. The school will be using their budget .

Literacy

This heading in the budget covers the "Forest of reading" books and an author presentation. It was discussed if we wanted to do a fundraiser before Christmas (end November – beginning December) at Chapters. Katie Wallace had brought this up as a suggestion because she is doing this in Maple with her classroom. Jennifer Apps will talk to the manager of the Newmarket Chapters to see if this is an option and will advise council of the answer. Council approved \$700 for budget and this has already been spent on the "forest of reading" books for the school. All present approved.

Scientist in the classroom

The council approved \$2,100 for the budget for scientist in the classroom for all grades. All present approved

Wayne Wynn Fund/Financial Assistance

This heading is going to rename financial assistance. The council approved \$300 . All present approved.

Playground repairs

There was much discussion as to why we pay for the playground repairs ourselves. Louanne Gettel thinks that the playground was paid for originally by a past parent council and that is why. Jen Diceman is

going to look into this for us. There was also much discussion about the company that does the inspections for the school. The understanding is that they are the only company that the board will allow to inspect playgrounds on board property based on insurance need in case of a lawsuit. The budget amount was passed at \$2,500 with 9 votes of yes and 3 votes of no.

Welcome to Kindergarten/JK

This is a kit given out to each child that attends the school open house before starting kindergarten the next year. It was felt that the package itself was worthwhile, many parents mentioned that having siblings means that you get a package for each child and this may not be necessary. It was felt that maybe the bags could be sourced cheaper. Budget was approved at \$400

Council Supplies

This heading is not longer needed so it will be removed from the budget.

Mid Year community event

This heading was removed from the budget

Fun Fair

This heading was removed from the budget

Incentives

This is a new heading for the budget. It will cover the cost of extra curricular awards. This awards are called Winitis and are ordered from

Baldwins. Students get awards for sports, being a lunch monitor , etc...Budget was approved for \$400 by all present.

Pizza Lunches

It was discussed that we could source the juice for this at a cheaper amount by buying locally (i.e. Costco , grocery store) to raise our revenue. We make approximately \$2,500 each term (Sept – Dec, Jan – March and April to June) . Council agreed that this is something we should look into. This will not need to be determined until the December meeting due to the fact that juice has been already ordered for this term and we will not need to reorder juice until January 2014.

Fundraisers

It was discussed that we need to sit down and do a school wide fundraising calendar to better plan our events. Many of them overlap and we would like to avoid this if possible in the future. Hayley Hobor, Jennifer Apps and Jen Diceman will sit down and work on this.

Teacher requests

A template for the teacher request form was handed out . Thank you to Hayley Hobar for creating this for us. Council decided to review this form on their own time and forward comments if any. Once the form is approved we can move forward with it.

Teachers Report – Louanne Gettel

Last years winit awards were not handed out to the students , except for the Grade 8's. Due to this fact there will be an assembly towards the end of November to hand these out.

Principal Report – Jen Diceman

We have a new hire, Mrs. Vita Ingraldi is joining us to replace Mrs. Brenner while she is on maternity leave.

Grade 8's will be visiting Huron on Monday.

Progress reports will be going home November 13th and there will be student led conferences November 14th and 15th.

Grade 8's attended a concert and there was positive feedback from others on everyone behavior. They did an excellent job representing the school.

Intermediate Volleyball continues with Mrs. Drysdale the area competitions starting next week. Mixed junior Volleyball will be starting next . Discussion was held as to if parents could come out to coach team. They are able to as long as they have a Meadowbrook staff member to support them by attending the practices and any off site events also.

Wildcats weekly awards has started. Teachers nominate students that they see behaving in a positive manner for the awards. Students receive a certificate and a group photo is also taken. The group photo is being put up in the hallway by the elevator for everyone to see. The students who have been recognized so far , have been very pleased with the award.

New Business

It was asked if council members could get a full teachers list.

It was asked if we can get a full list of the sports teams , so if there are parents who want to volunteer then they can see when the event starts.

It was mentioned that the Newsletter has listed full names of students who had won prizes. It was decided that not full names would be listed, Just first names and maybe teacher.

Graffiti on the school was raised. Jen Diceman is notified when the caretakers see any graffiti on the building , or fenced areas and the arrangements are made to remove it.

December Council meeting

There will be a meeting on December 2nd at 7PM in the library. It will be a potluck , if anyone wants to bring something them can. An email will be sent out closer to the meeting organizing this.

