

# Meeting Minutes

Meadowbrook Public School

School Council

Monday October 5th, 2015 7:00pm

**Meeting called by:** School Council

**Type of meeting:** Monthly (2 of 10)

**Facilitator:** Hayley Hobor

**Notetaker:** Kelly Purves

**Members present:** Hayley, Jenn Apps, Jen Diceman, Jill, Kelly, Lori, Gail, Mike, Andy, Danielle, Trisha, Nicole, Louanne, Jennifer J, Rachel, Angela, Siobhan

**Total time:** 2 hours

## Approval of September minutes & action items – presenter: Hayley. Time: 10 mins

- Jen D corrected playground funding item and dance a thon may go on.
- Carry over **action item of JD contacting service ppl for playground**

## Fall fundraiser update – Presenter: Fundraising Committee. Time: 20 mins

- Pizza starts wed. orders in. money collected.
- Norcard prizes in booklet. QPS Garfield lanyards, lolly pop, and gift cards, (e.g. movies and tim hortons). charity (chick donations).
- Water bottles leak. Will not order them. Sharon PS caretaker told committee member that many of theirs leaked. Jill says she was told 50% leaked and company not helpful.
- Hayley – healthy schools funding. Looking to host Health and wellness fair in spring – perhaps yoga instructor. Look to event committee to plan – throw around ideas. Mental health presenters as well. Local partners. Triple P Parenting. Learning disability group. Purpose is to get the whole family out participating.
- QSP launches tomorrow. 8:45am. Volunteers welcome to get the packages to the kids on way out of assembly.
- Jenn A – showed us package going out for QSP. Note inside, Norcard booklet. Letter says most of funding goes to scientists in schools. This year we increased pkg #'s so all teaches will have some.
- Have another assembly for spirit wear instead of blending with QPS. Jenn A will follow up with fundraising committee for samples with logo. Then set up assembly date.

## Buddy Bench - Presenter: Jenn Apps. Time: 20 mins

- Kids sit on the bench if looking for a friend. For those that say I have no one to play with etc. kids may approach child on bench for play
- Where to put it? Get 2 benches. Kinder don't need the bench as much. One for grades 1-2 and one for 3-8.
- Buy parts and have it built for free potentially. 8 foot is smallest. \$116 + tax. + hardware. Perhaps get kids to paint it, take ownership. Home depot won't offer discount.
- Try Reno Depot. Spruce can splinter.
- Benches would have to come in at end of day.
- Jen D wants to have a team of watchers to facilitate success in beginning. Need to have

- assembly or/and other training for kids
  - Mike suggests Restore. Or pews from churches.
  - Try to get discount with corporate card
  - Jennifer J - Church is prepared to pay for it and build it. Needs to be approved by elders.
  - **ACTION** – Jenn Apps go to Restore etc and follow-up with quotes.
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## **Budget 2015-2016 - Presenter: Jenn Apps. Time: 60 mins**

- Reviewed 2013-2015 budget on smart screen and then discussed this year's budget plans
  - Went over each expenditure item for each year
  - Technology budget much bigger in 2014 because we had extra money to spend. We only paid 1/3 of cost of tech and the school board pays other 2/3. now we pay 1/2.
  - Wayne Winn – helps fund kids that wouldn't otherwise get to go on field trips etc.
  - Win it's" – awards program
  - Playground – this year the board paid for repairs.
  - Other – volleyball posts weren't padded. Spent \$1,350 on pads.
  - Decide if putting money aside for playground or other big expenditures eg. Playground repair.
  - Nobody remembers how old playground is.
  - Member suggests starting a reserve fund for playground
  - Jen D says all we need to do is specify what the carryover is for- want to be transparent. School improvement plan needs to be funded and playground is part of it but other items too.
  - can we build it in stages? Gail - better to do all at once from a drainage/safety perspective.
  - Jen D – final year of tech plan – desktops need to be replaced.
  - Member suggests putting all 5K towards playground fund. Putting money aside more aggressively
  - Jenn Apps suggests use carryover as emergency fund for anything. Perhaps have a playground fundraiser.
  - Hayley suggests look at budget as fluid, can change from meeting to meeting.
  - Louanne– need spirit wear for teams. Smaller sizes for younger athletes like x-country.
  - Jen D – we have some jerseys for older kids. The shirts designed for sports are more durable. Need about 15-20.
  - **VOTE:** \$500 for team shirts/jerseys. PASS
  - Member suggests purchasing spirit wear. But some teams need numbers.
  - **ACTION:** Jill will get an idea of price and follow-up next meeting. Get samples
  - **ACTION:** Louanne et al. find out how many shirts and what sizes?
  - **ACTION:** Nicole look into screening jerseys
  - Music – school pays for instruments. Fundraising \$ cannot go to instruments.
  - Busing – we have 11 classes this year that will likely want trips.
  - **VOTE:** \$2500 for busing (same as last year) – PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$300 for kinder package – PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$600 for Tumble books and forest of reading
  - **VOTE:** \$2000 for Scientists in schools K-8. –PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$200 for Wayne Winn – PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$250 for "Win-It's"- PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$5100 for technology (7 desktops for primary's and 26 laptops) – PASS
  - **VOTE:** \$4500 for playground/repairs - PASS
  - Start putting playground on fundraising communication. We get \$7500 from board for playground.
  - Budget has been approved.
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## **Staff Report - Presenter: Jen Diceman. Time: 10 mins**

- School council forum Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Newmarket Highschool. 6-8:30, dinner and director talks. Mental health presentation. Email JD by next wed. can bring 5 ppl.
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- Parent-teacher communication is encouraged. It has not stopped b/c of union issues.
- Breakfast club delayed b/c of work to rule.

Next Meeting: Monday November 4th, 2015 at 7:00pm

