

O.M. MacKillop School Council Meeting

Minutes – February 6, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Janet at 7:05pm

- **Attendees:**
 - Janet, Jackie, Joanna, Natalie, Diana, Ainee, Dawn, Barbara Ferry
- **Past Meeting Minutes:** approved – already distributed and posted in Google Docs
- **Guest Speaker:** Kristin Chaisson, presentation on Maker Spaces in schools
 - Parents learned about different way to utilize the library to transform it into a Learning Commons, for more than just books and research
 - May include different coding tools (Bee-Bot, Dash & Dot robots, etc.), building tools (Lego, cardboard shape makers, etc.), virtual reality tools (green screens, virtual reality goggles)
 - The various tools help enhance curriculum learning, and can be used for language, math, science, social studies, music, arts, etc.
 - Parents and other community members will be asked how they would like to see the library utilized
 - Students & Staff will have input as well, to help ensure the tools selected for OMM will be welcomed and used
 - This project does not mean the library will no longer contain books, it is meant to enhance the space
 - Once input received from all areas, we would like to start transitioning the library into a Learning Common, over the next 18 months
- **Principal Update:**
 - Kindergarten to grade 3 teachers will be attending professional development workshops in math - geometry and special reasoning
 - Canada's 150th birthday celebration is this year, OMM celebrations will start on Flag Day, February 15th
 - OMM is enrolled in Canada Games competition. Kick-off is February 13th, and will involve several different physical activities for the students to participate in between Feb 13th and the end of June
 - Enrollment is slightly low for next year, which will impact staffing
 - Report Cards will be sent home on February 16th
- **Teacher Update:**
 - Equity Council - Black History Month trivia contest is happening now in the school
 - Math carts with learning tools have been distributed to the classes
 - Acquiring more math tools to help teach math in class
- **Exec Updates:**
 - Parent survey is going to be distributed week of February 6th

- **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - **Grade 8 Fundraising (Diana)**
 - Not much happening at the moment, but freezies & cookies may come back as they're generally successful
 - Scanning photo fundraiser isn't gaining much attention, so we will find way to teach children what it is so they can share with parents at home
 - Students are choosing between a day trip to Collingwood and Niagara Falls
 - **Primary & Junior/Intermediate Activity Days (Natalie/Joanna & Dawn)**
 - Date is Monday, February 27th
 - Primary students will participate in an outdoor dance party, watch a movie , take a karate lesson & build paper cup snowmen – total cost \$10 per student
 - Junior/Intermediate – students will be able to go snow tubing at Snow Valley, skiing/snowboarding at Mount St Louis Moonstone, or Karate & Bowling in Richmond Hill
 - **Breakfast Program**
 - The board is offering the Patron Safe Food Handling course, if anyone wants to attend please contact Jackie
 - We are hoping to start the program before March Break
 - Ainee will help on Wednesday mornings
 - We will start with 1 day and see how turn out is, and add more days if we get more parent volunteers to run the program
 - Must follow Breakfast for Learning Guidelines (3 food groups, etc.)

Next meeting Monday, April 3, 2017

Tabled Items

- Mustang Meadows planning
- School Gardening with children
- How is the rock classroom used?
Worthwhile to install shade structure there?