

Weds Oct 30. 2013

School Council Meeting Minutes

Ramer Wood P.S.

Introduction

- Minutes from last month's meeting were approved by Rebecca and Michelle second the minutes.

2. Principal's Report

- List of spending priorities for this year: feedback will be analyzed and evaluation of priorities will come from teacher observations. Current items identified include gym equipment, money for authors, and kindergarten area (A need to discuss the penned area as a longer term fundraising initiative for play structure)
- No update on magazine (QSP) available at this time
- Winter activities
 - o The grade 8 trip will be in December at Camp Muskoka. Staff is working to get forms out to families ASAP because of Holiday plans. Cost is \$200/person includes bus & meals.
 - o Spring swimming at Angus Glen for grades 1-3.
 - o No skating, swimming instead.
 - o What are other options for outside winter days?
 - o What about ski trips for grades 4-8? Three buses of kids last year so good turnout.
 - o Will discuss with new staff and teachers interested in participating in activities.
- Not sure if school council funds are required to supplement trips.
- Halloween haunted house run by Student Council was a great success, \$800. Students were super happy with results and currently reviewing how they want to allocate the proceeds (possibly part to charity).
- Ms. Jestin Applied to government for a \$1000 grant for a peer tutoring program for students.
- Dec 17: primary concert planned for day time.

2. Treasurers report:

- \$3500 cash available to date. Includes payment of \$900 for gym equipment.
- Investment in education fund Included in above total. Money from fund is down from \$2200 last year to \$1300.
- Pizza estimate \$1250 until December. Down \$300 compared to last year.
- Gr 8 sub lunch sales may impact pizza sales.

- Curriculum night made \$261 on merchandise that was left over from prior years (all profit). Schools across York region are participating in curriculum reviews in order to understand what the school is doing. It may occur on more than annual basis depending on results.
- The big fundraiser is the Dance-a-thon. The jk/sk go in the morning and then grades 123, then 4,5,6, then 7&8. Weds Jan 22, 2014 is assembly and Dance is Feb 10 2014
- Kelli has started a twitter account for the school #ramerwood. Has connections with other education professionals.
- On school website now uploading forms such as pizza lunch order and meeting minutes. Action item: Susan to send soft copy of pizza form so that it can be uploaded to the site. Heather/Ann to send soft copy of Investment in Education form to add.
- Since funds are available now and two clear priorities, Heather introduced a vote to allocate the funds for the authors (\$1000 total) for one author per grade which includes a poet, and the Gym equipment list. The list was read out by Kelli for \$1207.65 which didn't include safety goggles for floor hockey, however Kelli has confirmed that those will also be purchased. Vote for authors and gym equipment was passed with a majority vote.
- An idea was brought forth to resend the letter for investment in education with update on what has been purchased and ask for donation.

Other topics

- The bell time has been adjusted to the correct time 8:45am and 3:15pm. Clocks in school adjusted.
- Signs have been posted outside. Traffic is much better. Ms. Cote to monitor tomorrow.
- Visitors parking to be added.