

Robert Munsch Public School

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

In attendance:

Icebreaker/TRIBE activity

- Intros

Adoption of Minutes from March Meeting

- *Did this happen?*

Admin Report

- Jump rope for heart raised over \$1000
- \$350 for autism awareness raised on 'wear blue' day (April 2nd)
- Big crunch was done in March
- Opening April 29: 100 spots that will take us to fire code. First come first serve – was communicated to community
- June 17: Celebrate and show the opening. Year end BBQ - Community event (more info to follow)
- **Play Ground:** He is coming next Thursday. Pictures of before and after.
- Soccer nets have been purchased.
- **Grade Placements:** Balance of class, friendships, it is very complex, discuss any concerns with the teachers. No one will be contacted.
- **Parent Symposium:** Three parents will be going. We will get a report back from the three participants.

Town Council Report Back/Traffic Issues

- King and Center will be a four way stop.
- All was passed by town council regarding Robert Munch School zone signage / crossing guard
- The kiss and ride is still a problem. People are not responsible. How can this be resolved? Lunch parent on duty? Can we foster a reward for the students to be independent?
- A letter will be sent home by the council notifying parents of this problem. (Elaine)
- A concern with the playground becoming a dog park. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do. A friendly reminder will be sent home.
- The removal of the one section of the kindie pen? Not yet. The staff had concerns. Will revisit

Communication

- Jen M. raised the issue regarding the e-mail and the auto reply.

- concerns: significant lag time when a question is raised
- Tabled over to the next meeting after the symposium.
- Are we still wanting to do a newsletter? Jan has not seen any Emails regarding obtaining information or received any communication regarding what to include

Graduation? Grade Three?

- Mr. Collins: Staff is looking at it. Don't want it to be overly emotional.

SK Graduation and the response of the parents out there.

- Mr. Collins: The students are no longer transitioning from half day to whole day. FDK are looking at that piece to see how they will honour this.
- Parents: They are being asked. It is like a repeat of Christmas. How can we communicate this? Can parent council bridge this? E-mail? If there are concerns, how do we get these concerns resolved?
- Mr. Collins: We are doing this. We have the literacy evening, good news assemblies, the staff are still talking about this, what will it look like? We are looking at JK to three as one continuum.
- parents: Will it now become a grade three graduation?
- Parents: What can we do to quiet these attacks? How can we prevent this from becoming like Christmas?
- Solution: Can the kindergarten team send a note home to inform people of the decision? Will we have a grade three graduation? Some kind of transition plan?

Fundraising/Allocation

- Spring plant fundraiser next year? Mother's day instead of Easter?
- Tri hoop update: Mr. Collins will follow up with plant installation. Nothing can start until the PO goes to the company.
- Kids Kitchen? Advertise it more to give it a fair shake.
- Pizza is taken care of but we as a council pay to help a family in need. Add a box that we can check to donate a piece of pizza to a family in need? Like on Scholastic order forms?
- Reminder re: Mabel's Labels fundraiser
- A Needs List will be coming from staff

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 7th