

## ROBERT MUNSCH PUBLIC SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL

### December 10th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Carley, Crystal Mott, Jonathan, Julie, Rhonda, Jan, Heather, Kristina, Melodie Howard, Elaine Hunter, Will, Greg Collins, Janet, Tanya

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#### **Previous Minutes**

- School Council vs. Parent Council (Jan will change) approved

#### **Treasurer Report**

- \$600 spent on skating
- \$106 total on parade
- Lunch orders (new) \$11997 (brought in for pizza) – pay out about \$8820 (14 weeks) plus milk expenses
- MAPS funds separated
- \$1231 profit on poinsettias
- \$77 from Mabel's Label's
- Balance on account - \$2000 fundraising, \$5000 MAPS, \$15000 in lunch (will change as per above) – total of \$22000 overall

#### **Parade**

- Won the youth award for the float
- Great turn out
- Kids and parents had fun
- Book marks look great
- Ms Mott has the posters to be used in the HUB

#### **Skating Day**

- Approx. 160 (ish) people in total
- 70 on the ice
- 320 RSVP'd – so what happened?
- December a tough month
- Mrs. White attended from the school
- Council had great things to say during Town Council meeting
- How to engage parents not at School Council?
  - Call outs?
  - FB page?
  - Mail bags?

- Overall a positive event with good learning experiences
- Crafts – lots left over. In a bin for next year.
- Overbought gingerbread men so they've gone to FDK team to be used this week

### **Lunch Programs**

- Zucca's forms went out – start in January. Every 2 weeks for January/February as a trial
  - Will be a little more labour intensive
  - Supporting local business
- Pizza “support a family in need” will cover Zucca's as well
- Mrs. White will communicate with these families
- Some parents concerned that there are too many options for hot lunch (?!)
  - Kristina will bring a report on Lunch Lady to next meeting to see if it's worth it

### **Admin Update**

- No date on the training just yet for new YRDSB online ordering/payment system
- Treasurer role won't change
- Council will supply Mrs. White with info needed, prices etc.
- December assembly – or spirit days
- Next week will have Kindie observations (delayed) – all families (not just JKs)
- Friday – Wrap it Up assembly – red and green, bows – similar to Good News assemblies but more holiday themed, Gr 2s performing, Eco Team performing
  - Notes to come home on Monday
  - Electronic copy for FB group will be provided
- Food drive that Friday (Dec 18)
- Every month – Good News assemblies will be attached to ‘events’ like sock collection, etc. for shelters
- No evening events in the works yet – it's in conversation for potential Literacy Nights, Math Nights, etc. but not for a concert per se – reminder that it is voluntary
- Grade 3 intramurals are under way
- Eco Club is underway
- Kiss and Ride –
  - By-law to come in the morning now vs. evenings
  - Things are getting better with the kiss and ride
  - At other schools the kiss and ride is managed by teachers/staff – can this be managed by volunteers? Staff? Mr. Collins will take it back to staff to see if there's a way they can help
  - Could we bring in a ‘fake ticket’ program

School forum – attended by Jonathan, Mr. Collins, Elaine on Dec. 2

- A Council should be more than just fundraising
- Brought up issue of mental health and how to support staff, school, parents and children
- Elaine provided a package of information to take away
- Michelle Cassidy – mental health guest speaker – would like to get her, someone like her, here (Jonathan to send link to include; Elaine to send link for presenter slide deck)
- Mr. Collins reached out to her re: presentation
  - 32% of elementary students feel they aren't valued if they don't do well at school
  - 58% hide their feelings
  - 48% feel that people expect them to be perfect
- Aim of the YRDSB is reducing stigma around mental health
- Courtesy of Jonathan:
  - Here is the link for the “flipping your lid” explanation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm9CIJ74Oxw>
  - Here is the link for guided mindfulness recordings: <http://marc.ucla.edu/body.cfm?id=22>
- Courtesy of Jan
  - Here is the Online Mental Health and Wellbeing training for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada Flex Your Head program (it's free – the program is geared towards children 12+ but the information is relevant to anyone that works with or has kids) – [www.bgccflex.ca](http://www.bgccflex.ca)
  - What questions do parents have regarding mental health?
  - How can we be effective as a school council (brainstorming activity)?
    - i.e. collaborate more with MAPS; better communication; feedback/improvement plans; provide parent education, learning at home ideas/opportunity

#### HOMEWORK – please complete by January meeting

- Jan will send electronic version with minutes
- Can we get a survey home on paper and/or via Survey Monkey
- Target date of?

#### SUB COMMITTEES/VOLUNTEERING

- Movie night – Johnathan, Melodie, Elaine
  - \$350 license for the year
  - Will need a permit
- Community garden – Johnathan, Mrs. Fortnum
- Buddy Bench - \$1300+ - **Park for voting in February**
  - Can apply to town for a town bench

- Outdoor play areas/picnic tables/clip boards – Rhonda, Julie, Janet, Tanya, Krisitna (also extra money from MAPS) – will commit to ask students opinions
  - Soccer nets – 1 broken
  - Supervision issue?
  - What is available – recess bins, tarmac painting, garden, social learning (intramurals),
  - Do we access corporate funding? Not yet
  - 18 classrooms of recess bins –Mrs. Mott to price out through board for 100 of them
- Outdoor forest learning centre – town staff super excited (would like pictures) – Rhonda approached re: access in winter – suggested that a written request would be well received to be used as a pilot project for plowing paths – Mrs. Mott/Mr. Collins to do this
- Mrs. Birtles Spirit Days – follow up?
- MAPS – clothing/sheets drive (April)

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00-8:30pm