

## ROBERT MUNSCH PUBLIC SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

### November 12th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Greg Collins, Crystal Mott, Jonathan Mitchell, Kristina Iantria, Melodie Howard, Jan Vesna, Elaine Hunter, Heather Vaz, Jennifer Bolton, Doug Bolton (community member), Janet Keall, Julia Freeman, Michael Neve

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#### **Previous Minutes**

- October Minutes Approved

#### **Treasurer Report**

- \$10,367 in account
- Got money (\$135) from Mabel's Label's
- \$340 Lunch Lady (Feb-June) \$78.55 up to Oct 15th
- How do we want money to show in ledger?

Fundraising, general, lunch – with 'general' being the MAPS money

- Mrs White to provide separate amount for tri hoops (so we can account for it properly)
- \$5600 approx left in account (aside from MAPS money)
  - \$1653 poinsettias (profit)
  - \$701 Easter plants (profit)
  - \$1115 spent on plays last year
  - \$165 Scientists in the Schools
  - \$4400 pavement painting
  - \$238 soccer nets
  - \$1500 for divisional money
  - \$4200 piano and stand
  - Missing Kids Kitchen money – Kristina to call

#### **Lunch Programs**

- Zucca's to come in 2016
- Lunch program - \$200 to donate to school (senior's residence) – earmarked for lunch programs
- Last year's donation was for healthy snack program (senior's residence) and to help pay for lunches for kids who can't afford to order

#### **Admin Update**

- Remembrance Day ceremony – good
- Used the piano purchased with parent-council money last year – can record as well

- Community garden – go ahead given
- Buddy bench locations determined
- Report cards – Dec 11 – more info to come
- Parent teacher interviews? Nov 27 set aside at your child's teacher's request
- Online payment system -
  - Parent go on, reg, get your own account – all school related items are listed
  - Has been piloted
  - Next up for training – coming in 2016 – will come do demo for parent council etc.
- Buddy bench – there is a board approved bench/system
  - Don't approve homemade benches
  - Board-approved vendors are ideal but can be flexible
  - \$1300 includes 2 lines of text and concrete pad/installation
  - Can't personalize it but could we personalize the pad maybe?
  - Reached out to Lions Club (Jonathan) – asked for funds for all Mt Albert area schools – they will get back to us
  - Could also apply for the Parents Reaching Out grant (PRO) – up to \$1000 (missed deadline to apply for 2015)
  - Could we use the rocks/paint them?
- DECEs inquiring about building picnic tables outside?
  - For drawing/colouring etc.
- Wish list? Do we have a new one from each division?
- **FOR NEXT MEETING**: discuss buddy bench more fully

### **Events and Ideas in the Works**

#### Santa Parade

- Banner – need a volunteer to carry it
- No one has stepped up to decorate trailer
- Theme – reading, Robert Munsch books, dress as favourite character
- Book marks to hand out
  - Made at YRDSB
  - Library newsletter
  - \$15 for 100 bookmarks – 500 agreed on (approved)
  - Can we get these for the parade?
- Need to agree on donation for Lions (re: parade) - \$50 approved
- Decorating the float – how to get volunteers involved? - next Thursday (Nov 19) 7pm meeting
  - Elaine to send Email & double check spreadsheet
  - \$50 for float donations (max) approved

#### Family Skate

- Town gave us 50% rate on room rental \$113 (approved)

- Money for craft supplies - \$200 approved
- Kristina, Heather to purchase craft supplies help with craft room?
- Costco snacks; Tim's hot chocolate? Heather to ask Twisted Fork
- Invite teachers (Elaine) to send to Mr Collins
- Passed

Movie night – **next meeting** (December)

Community garden

- Doug (Home Hardware) – has garden built – when can he come install it? Hopefully before winter
- Community garden (so not just for students)
- Parent Council involvement – upkeep in summer – link to horticultural society, York Region food network – will talk about the garden, etc. Seed library (Mrs. Fortnum)
- Launch in spring – then move onto scheduling for summer

### **Current Fundraising**

- Pizza – forms went out; coming in quickly – sorting etc. tomorrow (as a start), money next week/counting,
- Poinsettias – forms coming back next week – will count/organize orders etc.
- Delivery Day volunteers for December 1<sup>st</sup> – Julie (morning) Melodie, Jen/Elaine (evening), Jonathan (early afternoon)

### **Guest Speaker – Christine – Network North Collaborative**

5 pillars:

Food sustainability

Youth

- BGC York Region

Seniors

- Task force 20 + attendees
- Wide range of talent
- Intergenerational programming (connect with Network North) (i.e. someone wants to teach chess to children)

Transportation

- Jan 4 2016 – Dial a Ride (if you live more than 1km from a bus stop) with York Region transit

- Wish lists – what do you need? What do you want to see?
- Poverty reduction initiative (i.e. Street Outreach Van)
- Collect different items – food, toiletries to support outreach, community shelters
- Bring social services to EG – virtual hub? Operating out of schools, community centres, etc. – include a pop up food pantry, library, homeless support, ID clinic
- Approached to apply for additional grants (managing +\$1 million operating budget)
- Community Garden – working with Mrs Fortnum
- Geodesic domes? – through a series of triangles you can make a dome – for libraries, schools, Sharon Temple, available to all – engineers will teach children how to put up the domes and remove them (\$350 per dome) – Ms Fortnum already expressed interest
- LOFT/Blue Door – could be beneficiaries of spirit days? (Elaine to reach out to Ms Birtles)
- Pet fostering program with EG Vet and mobile vet van

### **New Items**

- Baby sitting at meetings – formal recognition? What’s the process moving forward?
  - Kristina to coordinate the volunteers
  - Council to communicate the availability of care
  - Offer a gc at the end of the year as a thank you
  
- Elaine asked to join the parent-advisory council at Mount Albert Children’s Academy
  - Going to run parent engagement workshops – Nov 30 first one
  - Early years centre = connect with MACA
  - If we can collaborate that would be great
- Ms Mott – Kiss and Ride works well in the rain 😊
  - What can we do to help kids keep moving? Volunteers to usher them onwards?
  - Idle Free banner?
- Dog issues continue
- Parents – is there a general feeling of not wanting to come to meetings part way through
  - Can we wear lanyards at events so people can come talk to us?
- Partner with MAPS to have an event together – math day? Fun day? Other?
  - Heather to bring it up at next MAPS meeting

Lunch Lady – Kristina is going to follow up

Will there be a holiday assembly? (Staff haven’t met yet )

Cookie order fundraiser – park it till new year

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00-8:30pm