

Metcalfe Public School Council

Minutes Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Attendance: Erin Jones Farmer, Amanda Campbell, Tracey Heppell, Katie McCarlie, Cherie Stanley, Sylvia Chapman, Sylvia Robbins, Vicky Taylor, Christine Levicki

Regrets: Paula Pauquette, Jen Therrien, Leeann Bogart, Amanda Bradford-Janke, Gillian Metcalfe, Cara-Lynn Irven

Agenda approved

Minutes from February 7th 2023 meeting approved

Principals' report

Focused Strategic Planning Consultation

We had central staff in the school on Monday, February 27th for our consultation day. A group of students were selected from grades 5-8 to share their feedback and insights related to the direction of the new OCDSB Strategic Plan. Staff also shared their thoughts. There was some feedback from the community on the Thought exchange, however we only had one parent who was interested in the Google Meet/phone call. We are very proud of our students for sharing their ideas regarding how to improve learning conditions, student achievement and well-being.

Some of the thoughts brought forward by students:

-the school building and environment itself and how it impacts learning and positive feelings related to school. Many students commented on how the improvements made to the library have made for a more welcoming learning environment. They feel like they want to be in the space and are more focused in the calming space.

-many comments about the washrooms and the need to upgrade them.

-the need for more staff in classrooms to provide for more individualized support.

-discussion about rules and expectations.

-shared what they love about Metcalfe and the staff here.

School Climate Survey

Parent/Caregiver School Climate Survey - Parent & School Council Present...

Maintaining School Property

We have a situation where there is clearing of snow around and in our Kindergarten yard. There is no designated path that would warrant being maintained and access to the Kindergarten gate is not possible during winter months. Our Facilities Manager and the OCDSB Grounds Coordinator have advised that in order to prevent injury, as well as for

liability reasons, the clearing of this area by neighbors can't continue. If this does continue, we will be forced to lock the gate during winter months to prevent this.

UPCOMING DATES

March 8 - Term 2 IEPs sent home

Detailed fundraising plan shared

Teacher's report

Continuing to work on developing social skills using intentional play time.

Cycling through modules focusing on anti-bullying, bullying vs. mean moment difference.

Kindness is a major focus with incentives, different activities, include self-kindness, a work in progress to continue develop social skills, it is a cohesive approach within the school.

Extracurricular - Volleyball season just wrapped up. Ms. Bailey is very proud of the teams. Triple ball has started (gr 4-6). Craft club is ongoing. Dance club. Luv to groove on the go now with all grades (min 3 sessions per grade).

Student council is busy (spirit week, Valentine's bake sale was a success)

Treasurer's report

Profits from hot lunches and movie night

Spending:

\$500 for mascot

\$3K library

\$23.40 kindergarten toys

\$200 guest speaker

pending expenses (grade 8 grad, basketballs, bday recog, cashbox + safe, 1700 helmets, \$50 movie restock)

\$1300 remaining

Overview of Committees

- Hot Lunches - on behalf of Lee-Ann

mix up with latest pizza day that has been resolved, parents can contact school for refund if any questions/concerns

hot lunches continuing (March 31 pizza day, March 10 and March 24 subway day)

- Cakewalk - Vicky

no updates, waiting for response from board re: raffle

normally in May

- Mabels Labels - Katie

- \$13.95, no change, advertise for next year

- FlipGive - Katie

- \$9, no change, cancelling next yr

- Movie nights - Sylvia

Feb movie night, went well even with the snow day, smaller crowd

made \$200 but stocked up on goods, so next one will cost less

next is April 14, potentially Trolls2

- Little Caesars Pizza - Jen

pick up Thursday March 9 (3:20-5:30) at the school, message has gone out to families

they have enough help

- Communication – Jen

posting on social media regularly, contact Jen w any concerns

- Cereal Box Dominoes - Paula

still interested in coordinating with Cherie, Cherie to bring up the idea with student council (end of May - outside so can be watched better)

Financial Requests

\$1300 not spoken for

no new requests

Jynx sticks wood \$108+tx

Math contest \$65

Music play online 194.48 for whole year

Fr music concert (DJ) for \$750 for immersion students

all purchases to be made before next meeting so we can know if any surplus

all approved except for Fr music concert for now

Mail/correspondence - none

Other/new business - none

Next meeting – April 11, 2023 at 6:30pm