

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Minutes Monday December 4th, 2017 at 18:30

- **Attendance**

- Jennifer Richardson (Co-chair)
- Joanne Long (Co-chair)
- Tina DeLaire (Principal)
- Justin Weller (Vice Principal)
- Janice Breadmore (Community Representative)
- Megan (Community Representative)
- Chris Miles (Teachers Representative)
- Jane Nepgen (Secretary)
- Voting members:
 - Jamie Dragarnac Jessica Ryckman
 - Christine Munro Steph Adams
 - Lisa Waddell Mitra Zafran
- Sherry Millar (Non-voting)
- Heather Vlaminny (Non-voting)
- Lesley Mooney (Non-voting)
- Colleen Allain-Hill (Non-voting)

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- Ms DeLaire welcomes everyone to the third meeting of the 2017/2018 year. Ms DeLaire welcomes Jillian the chocolate rep. Her presentation is done before the rest of the meeting.

Administration Report

The staff will keep Ms DeLaire up to date with events during December, because it is such a busy month. The Newsletter will be sent out tomorrow.

- Updates on Holiday initiatives/plans/concerts:
The Grade 1 and Grade 4 will be doing a Spring Concert
The Kindergarden team is requesting funds for snacks for concert they are planning. The council agrees that fruit and veggie trays can be provided to them. There are different options to be done as an added on bonus. Joanne mentions that December is a more expensive month for parents, so sending something extra might not always be do-able. Each class will get \$80 towards the snacks.
Ms DeLaire shares the dates of the Seasonal Concerts. It has been sent out to the parents as well via email.
- Number Talk (school plan – math goals)
School action plan on numeracy. One of the goals, are the process over speed factor. Kids developing strategies, and seeing what the teacher is modeling in the class.
Ms DeLaire shows the council the general structure regarding math strategies. Kids need to have the ability to estimate. It is developing a life skill. It's about talking math and having a conversation to determine different strategies to get to the answer. They are enjoying this more, because there is no pressure to reach the answer. It is about flexibility and fluency. It can be applied in all subjects.

- School cash online – good returns there were 50 plus parents, there are now 75 parents who signed up for the cash online. There is an increase in users and troubleshooting as problems arise. Eventually the school is working towards doing this for the whole school and doing away with all other forms of payment.

Treasurer Report

- Current balances : Ms DeLaire shares the balances on profits made.
- Our special lunch (Johnny Burger) generated about \$100.00
- The Dance-A-Thon generated \$1,600.00

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

***Approved by: Lisa

***Seconded by: Jane

Community Rep Report

- Report from Megan – She is standing in for Kathy. She mentions that for the parents who have trouble with technology, they can be sent to the library. She tells the council about events they are hosting this month. The events are all available on their website. Program registration will be January the 9th, as well as online registration. People interested, just need to get in touch with the branch.

Ms DeLaire - TLE (Teaching Learning and Learning partnership)
Mr Weller explains the program. The goal will be to acquire \$14,000.00 of electronic equipment and robotics for the school.

Fundraising Report

- Chocolate presentation

Jillian Foxcroft – All of the chocolates are peanut free. It's globally certified nut-free. The school would be provided with a parent template to opt out of the fundraiser. Jillian sends samples around for all the members to taste out of the different series of chocolates. Chocolate generates a lot of profit considering the limited budgets of families, and it means that the community will just be hit once. Jenn asks what is the best way to do this, do parents buy a box, or pre-order. Jillian responds that is designed for parents to take home, sell the chocolates and send the money to school. That is why the school will send out an opt-out letter to parents, who don't want to participate. The school doesn't have to pay the money up front. Jillian would do a kick-off assembly to explain to the kids what is expected of them. There will most likely be returns. Jillian explains that with returns, there needs to be 30 units put back in boxes. Jillian takes care of the returns and return shipping. Regarding payment, the school needs to pay after returns. There will be a participation draw which will be provided by Jillian herself. There will be an emoji wristband for all students, whether they sell or not, and bigger prizes for the students who sell more. Jillian sends some of the prizes around. In addition to the prizes, is to offer end of week prizes to encourage selling. There are also grand prizes to be won. Jillian can offer two of each of the grand prizes. Jenn asks if this is something we can use over Easter. Jillian confirms that it will be do-able. Easter is an optimal time to sell chocolate because of family time. If it's launched for March 26th, the order needs to be in as soon as possible. The order can always be adjusted when there have been over estimated. Ms DeLaire asks whether it will be possible to send out a reconsideration letter after the assembly, so all the kids will be included. Mr Miles asks what the fundraiser is for, Ms Delaire confirms that it is more for technology. There is a concern

toward the intermediates that they might not want to participate because there might not anything in it for them. The budget for the fundraising can always be changed. Jenn or Joanne will connect with Jillian over the course of the week. Ms DeLaire thanks Jillian for her presentation.

Jenn asks whether the intermediates won't be more interested in fundraisers if it's for instance, their graduation. Ms DeLaire says it could be for the commencement ceremony, not for any parties because of the liabilities. There would be looked into other options for graduation.

- Gift Card fundraiser
- Valentine's Raffle ideas - Revisit with future ideas.

Pro-Grant

- Update on the event – Decide on a date. The council votes on April 17th 2018. There is a sub-committee chosen for the event. It's for the Multi-Cultural mixer. Mr Miles needs to survey the staff to let them know what the intent is and get responses from the teachers in the decision making process. There will be some information gathered from the teachers. They will be sent out in January to the staff members, and it will proceed from there.
- How do we spend our \$500 x 2 this year? Ms DeLaire adds that there needs to be Google Chromebooks purchased for the office for parents, whose first language is not English. It also ties into the Mutli Cultural night. The purpose is too build community. It's an unanimous vote to buy Chromebooks for the office.

New Business

- Steph was part of a fundraiser at Eggsmart for another school. She suggests that our school does this too, as a certain amount goes to the school. It was very successful. It will be tabled at our February meeting. The key to make this successful, is good communication to the parents. It will be normally be hosted at Eggsmart from 4 – 9 in the afternoon.
Jenn suggests that the Grade 8's can be involved too, and asks Mr Miles what his thoughts are on the idea. He replies that the Grade 8's won't all be willing to participate.
- Mitra mentions that her kids are in the school choir, and on very short notice were informed that tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 for additional kids for their recent concert. It was a shock because there was a cost involved. They should be informed before kids join the choir, and parents did not know about the cost. The choir doesn't send out notices in good time. The choir is also performing in the concert. The problem is with the way it was communicated. It will be addressed.
- Jenn and Joanne will work on a communication plan for the chocolates.

Dismissal

The meeting adjourned at 8:00, thank you to everyone that attended

Upcoming Meetings for 2017/2018

- February 5th
- March 5th
- April 9th
- May 7th
- June 4th

