

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Minutes Monday February 5th, 2018 at 18:30

- **Attendance**

- Jennifer Richardson (Co-chair)
- Joanne Long (Co-chair)
- Tina DeLaire (Principal)
- Justin Weller (Vice Principal)
- Janice Breadmore (Community Representative)
- Kathy Hammer (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)
- Colleen Allain-Hill (Non-voting)

Welcome and Introductions

- Ms DeLaire welcomes everyone to the forth meeting of the 2017/2018 year.

Administration Report

1. The Mental health update – The school is supporting the Mind-Up Curriculum. Many classes have already implemented this. The focus are on the Grade K - 2 group and their teachers will receive training at the end of February. The other grades will be added in the coming year.
 - * The school recently hosted the “Jiggy Jump” for Grades K - 3. They held a performance at school, and the kids enjoyed it while dancing along.
 - * On the 9th of February there will be a presentation for the Grade 4 - 6 classes called “Secret Life”. This deals with social anxiety and will be presented as a performance to the kids.
 - * In April the school has a “Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls” presentation for the Intermediate students. The school currently has a transgender student who is excited about this being presented.
2. The Environmental specialists of the Board had a meeting in December about “Going Green”. The launch will be during this month and the school will start the Green Team Organics program. This is a commitment from the Simcoe County in order for kids to educate parents about going green and helping to save the environment.
3. Literacy Intervention – The teachers have received training and are already starting to play with it during class. This intervention will roll out in September for the Kindergarten kids, so that interventions in Grade 1 are not necessary anymore. There are currently kids that are not at the acceptable reading level.

4. There was a Math AQ Seminar with specific focus on the Juniors. They are also prepping for the EQAO assessments.
5. Field trips – There will once again be the Van Gogh program and Grades K to 8 will be participating in this.

The Director's Cut program will be for the Grade 8's

The Juniors had a Comics program and it was well received.

There are other ongoing fieldtrips on the trip list still.

The Grade 5's are going to Springwater park.

There will be a 2-day workshop with Alex Lawson and 21 staff members will be attending. Ms DeLaire thanked the teachers for giving up their personal time to attend this.

6. The French Carnivale will be hosted on February 23rd. The Grade 8's will lead the activities and the Grade 7's will lead the groups. The French teachers have put in a lot of time and preparation into this event.
7. May 16th will be the Welcome Day for Kindergarten kids and their parents. The date is not final, as the school is in communication with a member of our community to accommodate people who celebrate Ramadan over this time period.
8. The Spring Concert will be on May 3rd. The Grades who did not participate in the previous concert will be performing in this one including the school band and other extracurricular performances.
9. The Grade 8 graduation will be on June 26th at Nantyr High School.
10. The School Parking Lot – This has been a topic of discussion for a very long time now. Our school is a walking school and only has one school bus. The safety of the children is the top priority and currently this is a serious situation to be dealt with. Mr

Weller says that the local police are only responsible for motorists who turn on a red light or in front of other vehicles. They don't have jurisdiction inside the school yard. There are suggestions for a crossing guard, but it also holds a risk of people being hit by cars, as well as the funding to implement this. Mr Weller said that they have been in communication with the Town of Innisfil about installing a left-turn signal at the traffic light, but they will need approval for that. The problem is that because people use Innisfil Beach Road to get to work, it causes frustration because it overlaps with the time that kids are being dropped off at school. There are also a lot of people "jaywalking" and they do not heed to warnings. The police have had a promotional to encourage parents to walk to school, but this is only effective in good weather. Staff members (Ms DeLaire and Mr Weller) are now helping kids out of the cars, so that the flow of vehicles can run smoother. The Kiss-and-Ride in the mornings seems to be working as the cars move faster through the parking lot. A lot have parents have also contacted the school with suggestions about the parking lot. The afternoons seem to be easier and less cramped. The way the program works is that kids get out on the right side of the car, with either Ms DeLaire or Mr Weller.

Treasurer Report

- Current balances: Ms DeLaire shares the balances on profits made.
- The computers that were ordered amounted to \$22,000. A lot of the money used, was from allocated fund raised dollars.
- The technology purchases came from the Hot Lunches and the Magazine and Cookie dough sales.
- One computer was included to be used in the office. Clarification is needed for the other computer for the office and will be discussed with the co-chairs.
- There were also volleyballs purchased for the Volleyball team as well as the gym classes.

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Steph

Seconded by: Jamie

Community Rep Report

- Report from Kathy Hammer:
- With the upcoming March break, there will be a lot of exciting things happening at the Ideallab, including a number of guests that will be visiting the library. There is also Yoga Kids coming to the Ideallab.
- There will be a “Let’s save the World” theme as well.
- A lot is currently going on in the “Hack Lab”
- The Ideallab wants to be involved with the welcome night for Kindergarten, like in the past.
- The Silver Birch Tree Reader Awards, has got a smaller group this year. There is also an interschool competition in the library which ends in April. This is for Grades 3 – 6.

Fundraising Report

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- Joane has been working on the opt-out letters for the parents who do not want to participate in this fundraiser. There will be volunteers needed for the following dates:

March 7th – To collect all the opt-out forms and estimate a number of boxes of chocolates that needs to be ordered.

March 23rd – The kick-off date, will need volunteers to distribute the chocolates to the classrooms. Jillian will be doing the kick-off assembly that morning, and it will be about 45 minutes. The assembly will be at 9:30. There will be an option made available to parents to either pick up the chocolates

themselves from the school, or have their child take it home with them after school. 2 - 3 Volunteers will be needed during the afternoon for the parents who have opted to pick it up themselves. These will be available for pick-up from 1-6 pm.

April 6th – The unsold chocolates will have to be collected and prepared, along with the monies to send back to Jillian. A message will be sent out to remind parents. April 9th will be the second date if we are not finished collecting and preparing the chocolates for send-back.

There will not be a prize for selling the most, just for participating, so that everyone has a chance to win.

- Special Hot Lunch Day – It will be in April and will once again be Johnny's Burger's hotdogs. It seems to be a hit, and it's a cheap and fun way to raise money.

Pro-Grant

- Update on the event – April 17th was the initial date, but it overlaps a booked Talent Show. There might have to be a change to the 19th. The permit has already been approved for the 17th, but it will be challenging to get the community to the school. The teachers have offered to do something more creative as a class. They are even thinking of making something that could be sold. This opens the creativity and ideas of the students. There is a suggestion that kids can participate in the Talent Show, showcasing talents from different cultures. The library will partner up with this event as they have books in many languages from around the world. They could possibly do a display and some performances as well. There will be a smaller meeting held to prepare a framework for this event. This will take place on Feb 12th at 6:30.

New Business

Remind App – The teachers need to find a way to utilize this app more. Jen suggests that teachers could email the council and we can create a message to send out with the app to ask for volunteers. Ms DeLaire could inform the staff that this option is available. There are a lot of parents who want to help out. There is currently a volunteer list, so the app can be used to contact them. The app will be used when the need arises.

The YMCA wants to visit the school on a Monday for their “Move to Give” initiative. This is a way for them to raise money to subsidise families to use their facilities. They are offering Zumba through the YMCA, and they offer these classes at \$2 per student.

Dismissal

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

Upcoming Meetings for 2017/2018

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