

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Agenda

Monday June 4th, 2018, 18:30

- **Attendance**

- Jennifer Richardson (Co-chair)
- Joanne Long (Co-chair)
- Justin Weller (Vice Principal)
- Jane Nepgen (Secretary)
- Voting members:
- Jamie Draganac
- Lisa Waddell
- Christine Munroe
- Mitra Zifran
- Stefani Hayes Admas
- Jessica Ryckman
- Non-voting members:
- Colleen Allain-Hill
- Community Representative

APOLOGIES

Ms DeLaire

Mr Miles

Administration Report

- Kindergarten Play day – It will be held on June 18th. If any parent volunteering will be required, they will reach out. They will also be hosting a picnic-in-the-park event that parents will be invited to. Details and invitations will be sent home.
- Funds allocation – In the past we have always used magazines sales money to offset the cost of the Van Go Arts. This year we didn't propose this. As a result we have a surplus in the tech category and a deficit in the arts. The proposal is for \$2,323.84 that was slated to go to purchase technology, to be shifted to the arts to subsidize Van Go.

Shifting funds – The Board will be providing a Chromebook specifically for office use and communication. There was an e-mail recently sent regarding this. Fortunately we have not yet purchased the Ipad that we have been planning to serve a similar function. The proposal is to use the money intended for said Ipad and communication, for the multicultural evening and agendas for the past year instead. The council votes unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Funds Allocation - Laminator

As we often use the laminator to support student work such as protecting artwork, folders, etc. Our laminator has recently required maintenance. With this in mind, we would like to propose that \$872.16 be expensed from school generated funds. We have spoken to our business assistant to confirm that this would fall within acceptable use of these funds. The council votes in favour of said proposal.

Funds Allocation – Hot Lunch

We would like to propose that leadership as a category for our hot lunches be removed as we have sufficiently funded in that area and instead add athletics to cover the cost of DPA equipment. The council votes in favour of said proposal.

- Volunteer Tea - Just to clarify, the invitations have been created by the office (sample provided). The students will instead be making thank you cards for our much appreciated volunteers. The invitations will be going home with the students.
- The Grade 8 Graduation will be held the evening of June 26th at Nantyr Shores beginning at 5:30. Once the Gr 8's return from their Ottawa trip, they will begin planning for this.

- **School Council Annual Report 2017 – 2018**
- Assemblies – We will be combining our character assembly and our year end assembly on June 21st at 11:15. The entire school will attend and the Gr 8's will receive their clap-out at this point
- Jump Rope For Heart – This will take place on June 15th. Kick-off assembly and pledge forms was sent home on May 24th
- EQAO update – The EQAO has been completed for another year. Results will be sent home in October.
- Staffing – We have 3 teachers that will be moving on this year. Christine Weisflock, Jarred Scharf and Jessica Prokopec have all accepted assignments closer to home. As a result, we will be gaining 3 new staff members: Chris Mokriy, Meghan Meiklejohn and Samantha McCarthy. Mr Pityk has also been approved for a leave of absence and his position will be filled by an LTO.
- Kindergarten Registration – We currently have 5 Kindergarten classes. This is on par with past years' registrations. We were projected at 68 registrants and we are now at 60'ish. We usually get a few over the summer.

Treasurer Report

- Current balances:
Chocolate Sales: \$6,084.80
Jennifer adds that the shipping was not included, and that we spent \$100 extra on prizes for the students. One full box and the money for said box was not received back.

Hot Lunches will be at around \$15,500 after expenses have been paid.

Special Hot Lunches will be around \$700 after expenses.

The technology that we purchased earlier in the year was initially funded through basic budget. We have now shifted over school generated funds to cover this.

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved: Joanne Long

Seconded: Stefani Adams-Hayes

Community Rep Report

- Report from Idealab and Library representative. The Idealab is ramping up for the summer programs. They will visit the school on June 19th to let the students know about the different programs that will happen over the summer break. The brochure also went out this week. Some of the special programs will include and magician and a show based on The Paperbag Princess. The Fresh Air Flicks will also be presented over the summer, and includes showings of the following movies: Monsters Inc., The Wizard of Oz and Coco. The Hacklab has opened at the Cookstown branch and was combined with the opening of the splshpad. The regular pre-school programs will continue over the summer as usual. Jennifer thanks them for their participation throughout the year.

Fundraising Report

- The last Special Hot lunch (Hot dogs) will be on June 13th
- Greeting Card fundraiser – Jennifer says that they need a final answer soon. There will be one box of greeting cards per family to sell. We also have to make a decision of whether we want the All Occasions or Birthday Package. \$11 of each box of cards comes back to the school. There will also be a ton of prizes for the students, like a Pizza Party for the class that sells the most and even the possibility of the grand prize of an Ipad. The council needs to vote on the date and the package. It is decided that the All Occasions package will be ordered and that it will be done in the last week of September.
- Spring Chocolate Bars – We are planning on having another chocolate bar fund raiser in the Spring. We have to commit now for it to be organized in time. There will once again be different prize options for the students. The Grade 7's and 8's sold the most because their funds raised were used towards their field trips. The council agrees to it, and this will be done in Spring.

Pro-Grant

- Update on the event – recipe book

A good amount of recipes were received. They will be sorted into a slideshow on the school Ipad and put into one file. The file link will be emailed out to all the parents in an email blast.

- Next Year ideas – Tedtalk info

Jessica will finish up the application for the Pro-Grant for the amount of \$1,000.00. Jennifer explains again that the speaker from Tedtalk's expertise is internet safety for kids. His fee is \$900 + HST. His presentation includes 90 minutes of speaking to the parents and a time dedicated towards talking to the students as well. The council has to choose one of the age groups. The question is raised to inquire his fee, should it be for the whole school, and not just a certain age group.

We won't know if we have been approved for the Pro-Grant until next year. There are guidelines in place as how the council may use these funds.

New Business

- Lunch Lady Presentation:

Lisa is introduced as the new Lunch Lady. This is their 25th year in business. They have come to know what kids want to eat and what they don't seem to like. The menus are created towards kids' preferences. Lisa's kitchen is 10 minutes away from school and the lunches are delivered fresh at school. They deliver directly to Kindergarten and Grade 1, and all other grades, will be separately sorted to be taken by one pupil of each class, each with a name on, to accommodate allergies as listed in the orders. There are also no parent volunteers needed with this lunch program. She explains how menus are done, how orders will be done online, and that a confirmation email will be received after each order. They are also part of green initiative and all their packaging is recyclable. Regarding possible allergens, all kitchens and suppliers are confirmed nut-free. There is also provision for other allergies, and that will be added to the online orders. The orders can be made up to 2 days before delivery and be cancelled up till the morning of delivery. The council decides that we will start of the initiative by only doing this on Mondays, and the regular hot lunches will remain on Fridays.

- New way of communication for 2018/2019 school year:

Propose to continue to send home the calendar but eliminate the newsletter and instead send out a weekly or bi-weekly email blast with latest events. Those parents without an email on file, will continue to get a paper copy. Jennifer asks that the clubs at school be added as the students often times cannot remember the times for try-outs, etc, or when they are happening. The question is also asked about the Zumba classes being presented for the girls. It will only be done during winter. Jennifer and Jane asked if the boys could be included in these classes. Mr Weller answers that it was initially created for girls as a support activity, but that he would ask if this is possible.

- First day of school:

Mr Weller said that it will be the same process as this year, hopefully with less hiccups. Changes were made to the program the morning of, and not all the staff got the changed program in time.

- Rock and Rings:

Jennifer explains that this is an initiative of the Egg Farmers of Ontario. They have teamed up Canada Curling and they will come to visit the school, where they will teach each grade how to play curling. They ask a fee of \$205 for the whole school. We have to book now for them to visit the school in the new year. The council votes yes to invite them to the school. Jennifer will email Whitney and confirm dates and forward it to the council and school.

Dismissal

Upcoming Meetings First meeting of the new year will be on October 1st.