

## February School Council Meeting Monday February 5, 2017

Present: T. Comish-Principal, L. Saunders-Vice Principal, L. Collard-Jenkins (Chair), L. Fox, M. Liotta, H. Aspin (Staff Rep), K. Purdy, J. Walters

Minutes from November 2016 meeting reviewed and approved (L. Collard, L. Fox)

Welcome to our new Principal - Mr. Troy Comish!!!

### Principal's Report - Mr. Comish

- question: focus of School Council and how do you look to support the students (A: great overall school experience, technology ... looking for Principal and staff guidance ... fundraising focus ... very proud of the spirit and community)
- Rob McPherson our new Grade 7 classroom teacher (Mr. Durie retired in December)
- fundraising plan reviewed (there is a focus)
- shared that our buddy bench is now here and was designed and built by CCI for us
- expansion/renovation plans shared with the School Council (not an official plan at this time but gives an idea of what will be happening)
  - additional Kindergarten room and 5 classrooms, new washrooms, new gym, and repurpose of offices, library, meeting rooms will take place
  - once first draft done, hoping to have staff and parent comment
  - sound system to come
  - architect hired and will be here in a few weeks for a sight visit
- we are part of the pedometer project with SCDSB
- 30 sets of snowshoes have been bought and are being used daily by our K-Grade 8 classes
- Family Tech Night is February 16th from 5-7pm. Students will be presenting a variety of tech that is being used in the classrooms (we have also purchased some more Osmo products and another Dash robot). Also to note that we are now highlighting the technology available at our school at monthly staff meetings
- Grade 4, 5 & 6 After School Math Program starting later this month with Ms. Irion (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- French Immersion: 2 classrooms for next year (40 students - wait list of 15); Grade 4s to Admiral next year
- Good Food Box program starting this Wednesday (can order monthly - no March order). Forms in the office or on-line for ordering.
- Looking to change breakfast program into a snack shack program (access throughout the day) ... looking for this in April/May
- parent engagement funding: idea for 50th Anniversary ... think of ideas for next meeting
- parking update:
  - drop off zone set up
  - Walking School Bus fantastic and running daily

- alternate parking lot (Bus Depot)
- we continue to encourage bus use and walking daily
- Choices forms = progressive discipline forms that Troy and Lisa are using in the office if a student is referred to the office
- Groove to Dance workshop idea for our students - staff are interested in this and money to come from Raffle acct if Council agrees (this passed through motion)

#### Welcome to Annie Chandler - Trustee

- Discussion regarding growth in our area and what the future may bring
- Council shared 50th anniversary planning that is underway (Annie to share this on her social media... - share with Chamber of Commerce)
- School Climate Survey has not been presented to Trustees or Admin at this time
- question about mental health/wellness (Lisa and Troy shared with is happening at Cameron with our mental health initiatives)

#### News To Share...

- student rep interest (P. Nancekivell to come in April) ... recheck with Int. division
- thank you to Dr. Fox for the Family Skate Day (rebook for next year) - great success
- Giving Tree update - hats and mittens were given to My Friends House who were extremely appreciative of this donation
- Spring cleanup: any interest?
- Danceathon occurring March 24
- Spring Carnival June 8th
  - vendor market (8 signed up)
  - food trucks (Heather)/food option
  - inflatables, etc ordered by Eryn
  - silent auction is beginning with donations (and looking for more)
  - CRS generator
  - hydration station coming?
  - date for committee meeting to be sent to Lisa to be included on the website\*\* (Heather L lead for this committee)
  - upick parties for facepainting/balloons?
- Committee meeting for 50th anniversary - March 28th (date on website)

#### New Business/Old Business

- Lisa to update fundraising page - done

#### Technology Share with Council

- tonight Osmo