

Parent Council Minutes

October 26, 2017

Principal's Report - 2 mos review

- Spending time getting to know that kids, staff, can take a while especially with the older kids - getting there with each of the ages, makes things easier when you have trust
- Using Friday assemblies to get to know the kids and the kids getting to know the new practices
- Coming together as a team
- Focus on: treating people with respect, when you treat people with respect you get that back
- Wants staff to focus on learning new things i.e. learning teams
- Working with kids, have to work as a team, including parents, as well as the staff
- School improvement planning - SIPSA goals math and literacy
 - Literacy could be writing, i.e. kinders - write their name on a line, then moving up to adding in capitals at the start of their name, sentences etc.
 - Learning teams met today - have learning partner that has a region in the board and comes in to support Meadowview with their math and literacy goals
- Emergency drills - tries to put them on Facebook to ensure parents and guardians are aware of what the children are experiencing - explained hold and secure, lock down, etc.
- PA Day - teachers are busy with training all day tomorrow including health and safety, knowing your learner i.e. putting together a class profile, mental health supports using the book "Supporting Minds"
- Report cards - going home November 8th, encourage staff to call as much as possible if there are changes noticed in learners
- Safe school's team needs to be set up at the school - principal, teacher, CUPE member, student and a parent - review school policy on issues like progressive discipline, bullying, and set up events to help the topics be discussed i.e. a play
 - Talks about topics like this at the Friday assembly and Monday staff meetings to ensure these issues are being discussed
 - Showed a form used for progressive discipline - used to track meetings, log of events, regional supports such as a behaviourist, outcomes in terms of consequences like parent meeting, suspension etc.

- Ronald Morrish - "With all due Respect: Keys for building effective school discipline" - book - good resource

Trustee's Report – none tonight

Teacher's report - Teacher blurb

- kinders - pumpkin investigation - dying pumpkin seeds, stories, songs, counting activities

- Gr1/2 - shared writing - interactive writing - teachers models writing students participate, word wall, capital letters and periods

- 4/5 - science activities,

- 5/6 - math- problem solving strategies- working together to come up with strategies to solve any kind of math problem - students work together to come up with strategies Mrs. Taylor models the strategies for the problem so the students see the strategies in use

Sports

-boys and girls soccer teams - all athletes were good sports!! Compliments from refs on positive behaviour

-cross country lots of school spirit at the two meets and the cup event

Eco school week last week - a week long event for student to bring litterless lunch

- Kinders won the popcorn party

Old Business Fresh from the farm - \$940 raised

Hot lunch - changed delivery of hot lunch for this year: arrive at school earlier, prep in kitchen, place each classroom's lunch in a green grocery bin and deliver to the classroom. Reduces congestion and noise in hallway and gives the kids more time to eat.

Bake sale will happen in the lunch room

Spaghetti will still happen in the hallway

Previously, talked about ways to get children hot lunches for the school year - Joyce found the funding so the hot lunches can be free for the school year for students - question raised if other students can be added later in the school, milk was queried as to whether it was included in the subsidy

Breakfast bowls - Veggie Tuesday and fruity Friday's were added to the school so had to figure out how to fit breakfast bowls around them -Rachel will ask Joyce if this is possible

- Had asked for help but has it figured out how to get the bowls done
- Will be away for 3 days next week - will figure out a solution
- Asked for feedback on how people are finding the bowls - teachers love them!
- Discussed the kitchen lay out and moving the fridge
- Last 2 years were getting cheese donated for the first few months of school - have not heard anything this year - found out it was funded through an agency called O'Farrell Financial

-Mr. Corney will follow up with moving the carts and finding out what can happen with moving the fridge

New Business - Schedule for family pictures distributed

- Goals for fundraising money - teacher wish list, year end trips, hip hop dance, love to groove, Mr. Bill, jungle sport, guest speakers, Home depot, sign painting, green screen video, sports,
-Find out balance of funds and next meeting bring it forward

-can agree over email to some activities such at jungle gym, dance group

- Christmas lunch - Monday of the last week of school before Christmas

- Date is confirmed for Monday December 18
- Rachel send out a post to the parent council facebook page

*** had two visitors join from another Wolford

Next meeting November 23rd