

Ethel Milliken School Community Council
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

In attendance: Kathleen Eisler, Brittany Staines, Dean Miezianko, Curtis Chernoff, Jill Poulton, Candace Lee Zens, Cindy Margetts, Shawna Alderton, Janice MacDonald

Meeting called to order: 7:06 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Highlights...

- Current enrollment is 501 with over 40 staff members
- Discussion was had re: École Harbour Landing School and transition for community when it opens – lots of information still being finalized incl: Principal, Kindergarten registrations, transportation, exceptions, daycare, etc. Information night scheduled for November 24
- The school will have an Orange & Black Day on October 31
- Principal's Reading Challenge: October 17 to November 8
- Assemblies will only be held for special events this year, such as Remembrance Day
- Winter Celebration – tentative December 6th at 6:30 pm at Sheldon Williams

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial statements with ISC due on November 30th
- Question was raised about having an audit done. Discussion followed regarding cost/benefit, current funds are minimal, no proposals presented on who or how much.
- Motion to decline audit: Cindy; seconded by Janice; all in favor; carried
- Trust account / capital project balance (for outdoor learning space): \$6,697.50
- Council is seeking someone to spearhead fundraising efforts for the capital project
- Motion to accept financial statement with amendment: Cindy; seconded: Shawna Alderton; all in favor – carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor learning space to be built in the intermediate grades playground area with tables & benches for 30 seats with cover. Quoted at \$15,000 installed. Drive for community donations with donation receipts from the Board. Receipts are currently outstanding. Terry Navid interested in being a committee member rather than lead the initiative.

Secretary Position filled by Jill Poulton

Movie Nights

- Two events last year, one well attended, one not, money raised, low overhead
- Brittany interested in raising money for the outdoor space through the movie night event
- Do a pizza AND movie night with a combination of tables/chairs, and mats on the floor
- Event to be held November 17th, with a practice run on November 10th during the day
- Donate at entrance, and raise funds through the pizza & popcorn sales, and water to drink
- Thursday nights are reserved for school functions
- Gym capacity is 295 max count, not including tables

- Notification: blog and printed notes to be sent home (Jill to coordinate – proofed by Dean, Kathleen to photocopy), include call for volunteers

NEW BUSINESS

Art Cards – staff supports initiative again this year – Kathleen to coordinate with Curtis

Directory – everyone in agreement that there is value in the directory and that it involves a lot of effort.

Suggestion was made to set up a parent coordinator per classroom – Jill to source out role description and communicate with Kathleen

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm

No meeting in December

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm

Other important dates:

Teacher Appreciation week: 2nd week of February (to be confirmed)

100th day of school is February 13th

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm