

School Council Meeting – October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Andrea Michelutti, principal

Rick Saunders, vice-principal

Andrea Michelutti, principal; Rick Saunders, vice-principal; Melanie, Mital, Sajid, Jenn, Meaghan, Noorie, Kendra, Christine, Katlyn

Agenda:

Welcome	● Kendra welcomed to members to this evening's council meeting
Meeting Minute Approval	● Kendra Motioned for Approval of September's meeting minutes ● Jenn Seconded the mention ● Motion was passed and September 2019 meeting minutes will be posted on the website and shared in the Weekly Office Update
Family Fun Night	● A committee is needed to run Family Fun Night this year. If no committee is formed, Family Fun Night will not run this year. ○ Committee would need to be established by December, consist of at least three people and work independently ○ Kendra would have oversight of the Family Fun Night Committee ● Profit from last year's Family Fun Night was approximately \$4000-\$5000 ○ Profits expected to be less for Family Fun Night 2020 (if it happens) due to less donations of food for the event ● Lack of volunteer participation is a problem in our school community ○ For Family Fun Night to run smoothly, a minimum of 60 volunteers are needed ▪ Last year roughly 10% of volunteers for Family Fun Night did not show up for their shift ○ Each year is a struggle to get enough volunteers to run the event ○ There is a need to increase parent involvement in our school ● Further Options to Consider for Family Fun Night ○ Reducing the scale and hosting a family picnic night instead ○ Use the vendor to run the event and provide volunteers ▪ More risk involved with this option as we would increase our costs with the potential of not breaking even if participation is low
Hot Lunch	● Meaghan has been working on lunch option ○ Looked at Swiss Chalet but they will not take our school due to the volume of potential orders needed in a short delivery window ▪ Potentially 400 chicken meals ordered from our school ● Kendra has been speaking with Bingemans about a potential hot lunch option

	○ Potential to portion meals at the school to keep costs lower but would depend on volunteers ○ Kendra to obtain pricing options ○ This option would not be available until at least early 2020 due to the vendor's holiday season ● Milk Program ○ Our school does not have the space for a milk program ○ Concern about the smell if milk is forgotten by a child ● Popcorn ○ Grade 4 will run popcorn it with volunteer oversight ● Cookies ○ Cookie purchases will be added to school day for an added treat for students ○ Cookies meet the food guidelines ○ Vegan options available ● We would need to approach companies who can handle our volume (potentially 200-400 meals), meet the nutritional guidelines, can transport the food to our school and have a reasonable price point ● Volunteers would be needed to successfully run additional hot lunch programs
Parking Lot	● Andrea is working with volunteer to get the parking role up and running ● Bylaw is working with lots of schools, we may see them once for the entire year ● Ideas for consideration ○ Auxiliary police officer to monitor the parking lot ○ Students participate in education of parking lot use ▪ Perhaps a video outlining the rules of a parking lot ● Ex. No parking zone ○ Close the parking lot to traffic during pickup and drop off times ○ Letters home outlining parking lot expectations for parents ○ Parent volunteers to canvas the parking lot, educating parents who park illegally or unsafely
Principal Update	● EQAO

	● Grade 3s scored above the WRDSB average at 78% reading, 70% writing and 61% math ● Grade 6s scored above the WRDSB average in math ● Pumpkin Patrol ○ Pumpkin patrol will be out October 30, October 31 and November 1 afterhours with the goal of keeping vandalism down ● Backward Day Tomorrow ● Guest speaker Paul Davis ○ Topic is internet safety targeting students and parents ○ Janet Metcalf is interested in participating in this event as well and splitting the costs ○ Andrea to book the dates and keep Kendra updated regarding cost sharing with Janet Metcalf
Vice Principal Update	● Bus Evacuation Drill ○ All students participated ○ Older kids helped the kindergartens ● Fire Drills ○ Two fire drills completed, one more to go ▪ Completed in under 6 minutes ● Hold and Secure ○ Drill pending in the next week ● Playground ○ Log is now condemned ○ Vendor to come out and review the playground structures and why they have not lasted ▪ School board is also involved with resolving the issues with the vendor ○ Original purchase was with the funding that built the school
Next Meeting	● Future Meeting Dates ○ November 27

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