



School Council Meeting St. Augustine's Elementary November 12, 2024

In attendance: Ashley Arnold, Andrea Clarke, Christine Coady, Jenn Hickey, Marg Skehans and Lois Vokey

Online through Google Meet: Erin Blake

Regrets: Chris Doyle, Diana Lahey and Jenna Vokey, Amanda Murray, Quinten Johnson, Walter King

1. Meeting called to order - at 6:07 pm

2. Minutes of last meeting - Minutes were passed first by Ashley Arnold, second by Jenn Hickey

3. Chair of the School - Lois nominated Marg, Marg declined. Andrea nominated Lois

Chair has to be decided: ***Lois Vokey***

Ashley agreed first, Christine seconded

4. Principal's report

- **SAE School Council Protocol Agreement**

- reviewed and signed. The Protocol was shared through email and signed during this meeting.

- **Different School Activities**

- Fruit Fridays - The community has reached out to offer donations to allow the school to continue Fruit Fridays
 - Nicole Brown from Black Watch Pub gave \$100 giving \$500
 - Mary and Katrina from Life Spring Wellness gave \$100 giving \$500
 - Alan and Amy from Dicks' gave \$500
 - Nick Benoit gave \$100, Kyle Hynes gave \$200, Korrin Brown gave \$50, Walter King gave \$100
 - Ron Moores (Ashley messaged me that Ronnie and her would like to give \$100 a month in fresh fruit with a couple weeks notice). Going to get breakfast fruit from them in addition to what they can get ordered in for us to keep local.
 - We're waiting to hear from Philip O'Keefe and Dwayne and Amanda from Hangry Miner
- Remembrance Day assembly
 - Jenn Hickey music playlist and Jerome Warren hooked up the sound for mics and so on
 - The students performed remarkably in the assembly. It was well planned by Diana Lahey before she left. Also, there was a lot of teamwork the week before as well. The students' behaviour, singing, speaking and so on was exceptional.
- Remembrance Day at the monument
 - What an awesome show of respect from the students at the monument. I received so many compliments for the presence of the children being there.

- Akita Pride/Awards Assembly - November 22
 - All families are welcome to Akita Awards Assemblies
- Christmas Float
 - Winter Wonderland Theme
 - Ron Moores flatbed for the float.
 - Rick's and Janine's afternoon group and the Leadership team will follow behind the float
 - Pat Hurley is donating his buses for the remainder of the students
 - Every student will make a decoration on the float but the majority will be done by leadership team and Rick and Janine's afternoon group
 - Every student will make a decoration for the float
- Christmas Tree lighting - We will be planting a tree when fence goes down
- Possible Idea for Next Year: Tree of Memories - Past students who attended St. Augustine's - Anyone who went to St. Augustine's in the past (alumni)
- Mummering at the hospital
 - Leadership team will lead this
 - Deliver gifts for residents
 - During December after school
- **After School Programs**
 - 4-6 Drama Club Tuesdays 2:30-3:45
 - Karate Public Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 (rental \$30 per night)
 - Girls' 4-6 volleyball Thursdays 2:30-3:30 Thursday
 - Looking for others like ball hockey, etc
- **Fire Week Contest Winners**
 - Wabana Volunteer Fire Dept tour and Dicks'
 - Friday, November 15
 - One from each grade
 - They are purchasing 4 and we're purchasing 3, therefore 7 children will be able to go now.
- **Playground**
 - Sign draft sent off to Signs 1st
 - The playground structure is now completed, however, just needs a few final touches
 - Council popcorn and cotton candy (Will confirm with Jenna next meeting)
 - We are waiting to see when the opening ceremonies will be able to go ahead
 - Andrew showed the pictures of potential signs for the playground
- **School Development**
 - Andrea discussed how family engagement has gone down again but on November 29, we will go into the data more in depth. Ran out of time in the last PL, November 1st but will continue during the next PL session (November 29th)
 - Staff data is not yet available for review
- **Report Cards/Family Conferences**
 - Report Cards go home December 5th

- Family Conferences are December 10th, 1-3 and 5-7

- **Mascot**

- Three quotes
- Andrea applied for the Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Special Initiatives Grant (Ten \$1,000 Grants)
- Radio Bell Island letter from Bingo money
 - Andrea applied for money to go towards the mascot for the children and Fruit Friday

- **Christmas Concert**

- Diana is starting Christmas concert now - Reached out to previous Music Teachers to get ideas
- Unofficially Jeff off until January
- Presell seating - To look into tagging A-S this year instead of A-Z as the lines were too long last year
- Concern with how crowded it gets in the hallway when tickets are not previously purchased

5. Old business

- **Rodent Issue 30+**

- **Much less sightings of rodents now since action has been taken (Snap Trap program), issue is continuously being looked into every day after school and more rodents are being caught.**

- **Applied for ActiveNL again**

- a basketball court inside the playground fence
- a hopscotch and small games paved area on the side by the staffroom.

- **Jamarama and Sock it for Sick St.** Augustine's Elementary is having a week of different things for Janeway mid November.

- Looking into celebrating this in the next week or so

- **Mine Tour** November 12th

- Children were exceptional during the mine tour.

- **Families Presentation** November 13th

- 2 people coming on the 7:30 boat
- They will be presenting separately

- **Recycling Blitz** November 15th

- If anyone has recycling, it can be brought to the school
- St. Augustine's gets double the profit

- **Christmas Fundraiser**

- Andrea applied and is now waiting to hear back. Will call again on November 23rd. Once approved, the tickets will be printed
- Christmas fundraiser applied for \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third and the school will get \$1500

- **Christmas dinner:** Everyone is invited to this dinner - St. Cyprian will be asked this year. More details to come in the next meeting.

- **PL Days**

- district PL November 26, 2024
- ½ day reporting and ½ school development data November 29, 2024

6. Date of next meeting

December 9, 2024

7. Closing

First by Lois Vokey

Second by Ashley Arnold