John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023

Present:

Online:
Pam Mustin
Kristen Dorscht
Christine Martin
Stephanie Rempel
Katie Veitch
Emily McConnell
Bethany Metzger
Chyenne Vautour
Renee Dick
Natalie Anglin
Laura Fehrenbach
Angie Melchin
Catherine Hibbard
Kacheena Morrison
Meaghan Hachey

Territorial Acknowledgement - Pam

The Leadership Team does the Territorial Acknowledgement on the school announcements, and have been doing a wonderful job!

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen/Stephanie

- See last month's minutes Here
    - Motion to Approve - Kristen
    - Accepted by - Christine

Principal's Report - Pam

- Friendship Day Feb. 14th - Assembly by junior Leadership team
    - Heart friendship, and all of the components of being a good friend
    - Helpful, encouraging, respectful and trustworthy
- Black Brilliance Day
    - Primary Assembly - Movement and dancing and celebrating contributions of people of African decent
    - Junior Assembly - history, why the day has been changed to a whole month
- Report Cards - If parents wish to meet with teachers they encouraged to reach out
    - Encourages constant communication with your children's teachers
- WRDSB Bullying Reporting Tool
    - New reporting tool available for families and communities to use
    - Data from other school boards with similar reporting tools indicates that there is not a lot of reported bullying
- Category II trips
    - Grade 5s and 6s going skiing March 1st - Approved
    - Camping trip still not approved
    - Some trips are being approved and others have not
    - Grade 4 March 1st trip for tubing fell through - Ideas for alternate trips that can be planned on very short notice?

        - Snowshoeing - Katie to look into it
        - Curling
        - Trail walks - feeding birds
        - Skating
        - Sledge Hockey
        - Laurel Creek
- Team Up (UWO) Assembly
- Kindergarten Registration
    - Registration is down
- French Immersion is changing and will be starting in grade 2
    - French will start to look different in Grade 1
- Staffing for 2023/24
    - New staff assignments for next year to begin after March Break

Treasury Report - Renee

- See Treasurer's report here
- Duplicate entry for $300 pizza revenue reversed
- 2 Pizza invoices totalling $1,093 and School day fees $111 were paid.
    - Updated estimated net profit from 2nd round of pizza = $2,044
- Accrue $1,000 Kleenex fund (Playground & Other account)
    - Just over half has been spent, wait to purchase more until some is used up
- Line item added for $330 pancake day
- Charitable Donation to the Woolwich Community Services Food Bank in memory of Ross Lackner, a former school crossing guard
- Reimbursement of purchase of Bluetooth speakers for $245 using WEFI Tech funds
- Accrue US$22 Tru-Earth cheque
- Total available cash available (not allocated) = $10,105
- Applications for EMSF and PRO Grants have been submitted
- Riverside has booked Tribal Vision for May 11 at 6:30
    - Motion to spend PRO grant money on combined event with Riverside by Renee
    - Passed by majority vote
    - It will be a family event

Chair's Report - Kristen

- Pizza Days - 3rd and final round of Pizza days is live on school day for ordering
- WRAPSC meeting - half of the meeting was dedicated to a reporter from the Waterloo Record, the rest of the meeting was discussing what school council may or may not spend their money on

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    - Per previous months discussion, Kristen found out that School council may not spend on staff appreciation events or gifts
    - See WRAPSC meeting minutes here
    - See WRAPSC "Best Practice: Using School Council Funds" presentation here
- Mahoodfest committee has been established, first meeting will be soon
    - Two food trucks have been booked
    - Update at next meeting
- Brainstorming for spending money that is sitting in the account
    - Will Grade 6s be looking for some funding to help with their year end trip and celebration? - probably
    - Mascott
    - School resources, math, decodable books - what is council allowed to pay for?
    - Kristen to find the list of what is allowed and what is not allowed for school council spending

Social Media - Kristen

- Same level of engagement as previously reported

Fundraising & Community Events Sub-Committee

- Skating Day recap
    - Well received, suggestion to make it a yearly event
- Pancake Day (multi school spring event) - Logistics and planning subcommittee
    - Planning has begun, will be cooking outside on propane griddles
    - Laura to stop in the school to look at supplies, tables, etc.
    - Hoping to mix outside, if the weather is good. Needs to be isolated due to a staff member with an allergy

By-Law Subcommittee

- Some updates still to be made
- Once finished it will be posted on the website
- Vote to follow over email to approve the finished by-law

Open Discussion - All

- Eco-Club - there will be no staff led ecoclub at this time,
    - The kindergarten classes will take over caring for the gardens
    - Michelle has some grants that she applied for that she would like to see through
    - Christine to connect with Michelle to discuss how to continue with Eco-Club

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- Mr. Rempel is pursuing installation of Gaga pit. Location has been chosen. Will be installed this spring
- Clubs at John Mahood
    - Wellness club with CYW
        - to facilitate sense of belonging, feeling safe, sense of self, etc
    - Book buddies
    - Chess club starting up soon, will be on Day 5, run by Monica Neil
    - Dungeons and Dragons Club - Mr. Wilson, after school on Mondays
- Bingo - what do we have to do?
    - Just promoting and advertising
    - April 20th
- Ideas for a future events
    - Swimming
        - Non-sanctioned event similar to skating
        - Considerations for Adult to children ratio
        - Lifeguard to number of people in the pool ratio a consideration as well
    - Paint Night
    - Movie Night in the gym
        - Low cost
        - Grade 6s could sell popcorn
        - April/May
        - Kristen to look into it, anyone who would like to help contact Kristen
        - Keep Pam in the loop

Next meeting

- Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting

- Event idea by Katie: instead of a Movie night council could host a community litter pickup for Earth day the weekend of April 22 or 23rd. Pickup garbage on school grounds, neighbouring forest and/or Kate's park
    - Provide litter-free snack
    - Need to purchase garbage bags
    - Kristen proposed a vote for a Community Litter pickup on Earth Day weekend with the maximum budget of $350 on Feb 26th via email
    - Motion passed by majority vote via email
- Mahoodfest Committee has contacted "Mr J and the Groovy Gang" to play for two hours during Mahoodfest for a cost of $562.50. Bookings are happening quickly, so it is advised to book ASAP.

    - It is expected that Mahoodfest will net a profit, as it has in previous years. Therefore it is expected that this cost would come from profits of the event, rather than from the School Council account.
    - Motion to book the band for Mahood Fest made by Kristen via email on March 2nd
        - Motion passed by majority vote via email
- The Bylaw document was completed by Sarah Pollice and is ready for council approval.
    - Motion to accept the document by Kristen on Friday March 3rd, via email.
    - Votes were to be made via email, but not enough votes were submitted by the voting deadline for a decision to be made.
    - To be discussed at next meeting