John Mahood School Council

Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

Present:

In Person:
Laura Fehrenbach
Christine Martin (Dubien)
Emily McConnell
Darrel Schinkel
Kandis Walker
Tabitha Nicholson
Kacheena Morrison
Bethany Metzger
Stephanie Rempel
Kristen Dorscht
Mary Blanchard

Online:
Meghean Hachey
Alicia McGuire
Angie Melchin

Voting Members Absent:

Territorial Acknowledgement - Kristen

Discussion of Previous Minutes - Kristen

- See last month's minutes Here
    - Accepted by - Laura
    - Seconded by - Kandis

Principal's Report - Email from Karen

- Students enjoying nicer weather
- Damaged dragon, waiting on response from school board
- School council purchase idea, to purchase a border to contain sand
- Staffing getting ready for september
- 435 registered for fall
- 14 english, 5 french immersion
- Changes can happen up until august, requests may not be guaranteed
- Reading: teacher promoting independent reading, zoning in on specific goals
- Math: looking to expand math manipulatives with more money kits and mirrors

Teacher's Report - Christine

- Spirit day - backwards day coming up
- New principal coming in next week - Brent
- Grade 6 trip - May 27-28th
- Grade 6 celebration
- Jungle Sport May 20th-23rd

Chair's Report - Kristen/Laura

- Pro Grant event next week - Sara Westbrook
    - Bethany will be a greeter
    - Council members to stick behind to help stack chairs
- Bingo
    - Good turnout
    - 3 charity groups
    - Raised $750
- MahoodFest
    - A bunch of volunteers signed up in the last couple of days
    - Still need face painters - all three shifts
    - Collecting silent auction items
    - Classroom theme donation items
    - Most classroom items go towards Jaguar store, some will be put together for silent auction

Treasury Report - Katie

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Fundraising & Community Engagements

- Emily looked into dates for next year, some places are booking into fall, so we could book at anytime.
- Idea to run Coffee and Poinsettias together before christmas - Emily to book
- Cornerstore candy only has valentines and easter available for holidays, but has off season dates available - decision to book for valentines - Emily to book
- Crafty crystal - inquired to see if there are some fall dates available (early October)
    - Tricky to run something so close to the beginning of the year
    - Decision to do a spring workshop instead - wait until next year to book
- Idea to run one large fundraiser or lump a few together

Open Discussion - All

- Book fair - other school format: setup a viewing day for kids to come look at the products, then an evening event for their parents to come with the kids to buy the books
    - Also more opportunity to buy later in the week
    - Run by school councils
    - Has been done previously at Mahoodfest, was a lot of work at the end of the day to “Close out” the inventory
    - Could be run during the school day instead
    - Would this be considered a larger fundraiser?
    - Funds raised would have to be used within scholastic

    - Betheny to follow-up with how it was run at her school
    - Do it the same night as a literacy night?
- Smencils fundraiser (Scented Pencils), ScentCo.
    - Not super expensive, no order forms
        - Buy in bulk and sell in the school
        - Could get them for MahoodFest
- Carrying over funds for next year/spending ideas
    - Without a Principal we haven't had the stability to make decisions
    - More recess kits, one per class - Christine to ask Kevin to look into prices
    - More sand toys
    - Reading resources
        - We are allowed to buy resources for students to take home to read, but not for teaching resources
        - Maybe decodable books could be purchased for a home reading program
        - Christine to ask literacy specialist to see what is available
        - Bethany's school has a "School Council" bookshelf with a gmail catalogue where parent's need to request books for borrow for at home
        - Christine to ask Karen about what we are allowed and not allowed to buy for a home reading program
        - Parent council used to run the home reading program
- Leftover bubbles that we aren't using in Tuck shop
    - Christine to share amongst the teachers
- Sylla Sense program
    - The school has acquired a whole set
    - Teaching resource that match UFLI Lessons
    - These cannot be sent home

Next meeting
- May 28th, 6:30pm

Additional discussion / activities after the meeting
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