

John Sweeney School Council

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Regrets: Jo, Sandra, Melissa, and Victor

Welcome and Prayer: Andrea led us in prayer to begin our meeting.

October's minutes were accepted as written.

Principal's Report: Paul started off the meeting by saying the Board has agreed to build a shelter for shade in the early year's playground area. We aren't sure whether or not the shade shelter will be an awning like the one in OWL's play area, or a free standing structure. Capital funding will be used for the shade structure as well as the new primary basketball hoops, repainting of lines, and painting primary lines for lining up.

There are a few new clubs that are starting up soon, or have already begun at John Sweeney. There is a Chess Club for grades 4-8 and a Coding Club. Both of these have a January start date, once more resources are collected. A yoga club has already begun at lunch certain days.

PRO Grant: this is a Grant that is up to \$1000, not for items for students, but to bring parents into the school. Ideas that we have are to be brought into our next meeting in January where they can be discussed. Do we do another health fair? Mental Health/anxiety was brought up. Any other ideas?

This year's PRO Grant, Sandra will form a sub-committee to get the ball rolling for the application.

For the Health Fair that is happening this year, a subcommittee will be formed to discuss the details like dates (late Feb/Mar was tossed around) and who is speaking (if anyone) and resources needed. Christina sent a paper around getting volunteers for the subcommittee and to get a meeting set.

Note: via email, the Health Fair Committee meeting: Nov 28 6:30 in the school library.

Community Report: Jo was absent, but told Paul that "All is well"

Treasurer's Report:

Total Funds available: \$14,193.96 after items have been allocated, the actual available is \$7,600.34 which Paul raised the question, do we need to do a fundraiser this year? If no fundraising this year, next year is a MUST and ideas need to be set up right away and organized for the 2018/2019 year.

Paul will bring the fundraising issue to the teachers and see if they “need” any resources that a big fundraiser would get the money for. A charitable fundraiser could be organized i.e. A dance a thon for Heart and Stroke, for example or donation to the May Court who provides the school with boxes of treats/snacks available for children who need it. The basket gets filled every month.

Christina has reported and early projection for Pizza Day sales. She said that if things stay the same, \$5000-\$7000 could be raised alone in Pizza sales. Pizza days are getting their own line on the Treasurers account summary going further.

There was talk of increasing the amount that is allotted for Compassionary Fund. That fund is used for families at Christmas, food, field trips, and emergencies etc. that if a family needs a bit of help the school can help them out with.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2018