

March 2024 School Council Meeting

Attendance: C. Heatherington, D. Buckland, J. Gringa, K. McNabb, J. Williams, C. Symes,, L. Turner, L., Fleming, P. O'Dwyer, M. Jones, C. Pizzey, E. Heavin

Welcome/Introductions

School Report:

- Field trip time is coming. Volunteers do require a vulnerable sector check. Please email Teresa if you need the letter to attach to your online criminal record check. Funding for the field trips is provided by fees paid by parents and supplemented by School Council donations
- Nature School. The grade 5s are participating in this. There are in-school presentations. Also, the students travel off-site for activities.
- New Curriculum. There is now new curriculum for grades k-6. The district has a robust plan for providing teachers with PD.
- Winter sports included snowshoeing, xc skiing, sledding, and skating.
- Grades 4 and 5 are currently in a basketball league and will go to a tournament on March 20.
- Upcoming activities include floor hockey and handball.
- The students are enjoying Card Club
- We have been working on Positive Play with all grades. Our team of Responsibles hand out special coupons when they notice students engaged in positive play.

Old Business

- **Family Fun Night.** Weather made it difficult to schedule a winter date. It was suggested that the council sponsor a family barbeque. [K McNabb motioned to sponsor the event.](#) [L. Fleming seconded.](#) [Carried.](#)

New Business

- **Interview Format.** There was a discussion about the format of interviews. The younger ones seem to be more excited to share their classroom activities. However, there was a sense that individual interviews were the preference. This allows for more in depth conversations and can be done without the student present.
- **Round Dance Giveaway.** [P. O'Dwyer motioned to give up to \\$100 to sponsor items for the Round Dance.](#) [C. Heatherington seconded.](#) [Carried.](#)

- **Grade 5 Fundraisers.** The Grade 5s will be running a few fundraisers to offset the cost of camp. Examples may include freezie sales, popcorn sale, etc. Other suggestions include a candy bag, teacher competition, guess the number of jelly beans, put a teacher in "jail"
- **Swim Costs.** We will be charging parents \$50. We did a survey with parents about the increase cost. Parents thought the program was worth increased cost. Swimming will start in April.
- **Welcome Art.** We are looking into options for a welcome message on the wall above the Innovation Studio.

Treasurer's Report

- The account is still healthy as we have yet to pay the school for their wishlist.

Adjourned @7:50