

Hawthorne Public School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

1. **Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm**
2. **Introduction of Attendees** - Chair (Brigitte McGuey-Twiner), Michele Simpson (Secretary), Jennifer Andrews, Kim McKenna-Byers, Mary Conroy(Principal).
3. **Apologies** – Hima Murty.
4. **Principal's Message** -
 - a. Fundraising - raised \$1500 for Cancer Research and \$910 for Indigo adopt a school fundraising campaign. Added 94 new books to the library. Clashes with Terry Fox so may change to beginning of September
 - b. Meet the Teacher on Sept 14 - one parent donated dogs and buns. Renting barbeques is crazy expensive
 - c. Orange shirt Day - Sep 30 - recognizes individuals who lived at residential schools.
 - d. This week is fire prevention week - will be a talk on safety plans at homes and fire drills. # of children in our school have had fires in their homes over the last month.
 - e. Learning -
 - i. SLP will focus on Student Wellness and Numeracy. Have been identified as a school receiving intensive support by Min of Education. An instructional coach will work with staff members in classrooms. Will also receive resource support for numeracy - may be to purchase manipulatives, teacher resource manuals/books - our school board will do a bit of both.
 - ii. Intermediate - Mobile Maker Day - U of Ottawa students visited and taught the kids about 3D printing and coding. Kids were grouped in their color houses - great day. Followed up with group work to develop bulletin boards.
 - iii. Gr 1 - 3 - Art Gallery - Tuesday Oct 18th.
 - iv. Gr 1 - 3 - Rays Reptiles will be coming in. Kids have been researching a variety of different animals to decide on a class pet. That idea was vetoed eventually based on differing needs.
 - v. Awarded \$2000 for our art program - proposal written last year - for students to participate in a drama workshop which will be followed up in the classroom with activities.
 - f. What's New -
 - i. Color houses introduced to give students in classes to recognize other kids at other grade levels. Did it for Terry Fox where they ran in their groups. Great for our younger students who had an older mentor.
 - ii. Increased pride of place in the school. Have painted the bulletin boards to demonstrate what has been learnt in the classroom - getting them to design their own bulletin boards as well.
 - iii. Aging computer lab - got rid of a number of old computers to increase the space for students to build and create things. Can be used a bit more for a working space for the kids. Still in development but being more used each day.
 - g. Professional Development Days
 - i. Developing shared understanding between math and numeracy
 - ii. Reviewed the OCDSB Big Five Strategies for effective instruction in our schools - mostly focusing on development of a task or project that students will be doing and break it down into:
 1. Task
 2. Feedback
 3. Criteria
 4. Moderation
 5. Differentiation - give students a choice for how they will complete the task - essay writing, create a game, draw an outline, create cartoon images - different ways to show their understanding of a particular concept.
 - iii. OCDSB Framework for student well-being and how it is supporting development at our school. Dimensions could be socio, cognitive, physical well-being. At our school we use WITS to develop socio well-being. Will be focusing on nutritional health --> physical well-being and how we are addressing student learning needs --> cognitive well-being.

- h. School Budget
 - i. Began 2015-2016 school year, with a deficit of \$18,000. So all or part of your budget is retained by the school board
 - ii. 210 students at the start and increased to 240 students. Allocated \$26,000.
 - iii. This year, 2016-2017, we begin with a deficit of \$11,000. Working on reducing deficit by \$5000 each year.
 - iv. 206 students (now 225) forecasted at 211 with a total operating budget of \$22,000.
 - v. Next few years will work to zero out the deficit to operate in the black.
 - vi. In the meantime, goal to offset the deficit - look at all free proposals, grants and ways to cut costs without cutting the student learning opportunities. Goal to get rid of broken, unused, misused equipment in the school.
- 5. **Elections** - Co-chair, treasurer and secretary open - Nominations - Michele - Secretary
- 6. **RBC** - Have to do signing officers for money to go to school board - to reduce the deficit. To finalize date and make apt. with bank. Mary offered to be second signatory on the account so only Brigitte needs to visit bank.
- 7. **Gift card Fundraiser** - Walmart does not do that program. Giant Tiger? Must have a minimum of \$500 to get 5% back. Could review - Metro, Canadian Tire money, Sobeys. Could do one now and one later on. For Christmas - use Giant Tiger - 1/2 hour to activate all the gift cards. Need a poster to send home with the kids - Gift card program - to raise \$200, would have to raise \$4,000.
 - a. Action - Mary to ask intermediate students to design the poster/flyer to go home by tomorrow with an order form at the bottom with Child's name and teacher.
 - b. Information available online. Comes in different denominations - \$5, \$10, \$25. To offer \$10 and \$25.
 - c. Identify one item that we need for the school and include on the poster - Balls for the gym, Pocket charts, Chromebooks, bulbs for projectors, experiential learning (bringing in a group to host a workshop).
 - d. To distribute by November 1st. Return by November 11.
- 8. **Pleasant Park book fair** - To be held on October 29th. Mary to reach out to the Principal. Hawthorne has not been contacted.
- 9. **Canadian Tire Money** - use to buy bean bags, soccer balls. Use a clear water bottle to stack the Canadian tire money so that kids can see the money grow. Aim for games outside for spring. Mary to get game templates from Public Health and get parents' participation. To include in the next newsletter to bring in spare Canadian tire change to purchase new outdoor equipment come spring.
- 10. **Community Cupboard** - was used to store furniture during the summer break. To refresh and re-open. Will need a clean-up - Jen offered. Need someone to come in once a week to open the community cupboard - Kim offered to come on Thursdays.
- 11. **Movie night and/or Multi cultural day** - Can do movie night on Friday, November 25th. School has a license through AVF. The new Ice Age or Zootopia or Inside Out or Beauty and the Beast - for the kids to vote on the movie. Michele to donate the movie. Kids to come with an adult. Popper Jack to donate the popcorn.
- 12. **Hamper and food bank donation** for Christmas - Mary to arrange.
- 13. **Next meeting** - November 8th @ 7 pm.
- 14. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 pm**