

Kimberley Junior Public School - School Council
Meeting #1 - September 30, 2019

In Attendance: Jenn Penikett, Patti Myers, Rebecca Hart, Megan Meeds, Deirdre Crampton, Jenn Tinker, Lillian Hanson, Raket Goiri, Bruce Burley, Kate McColeman, Jen Mack, Claudia El Ouni

1. Welcome

- Megan welcomed all to the meeting and introductions of all
- Megan read out the purpose of School Council and circulated fact sheet

2. Minutes from May 2018 meeting:

- these were approved by email moved by Bruce and seconded by Kate

3. Elections

- Lillian explained that each position on School Council was available and that if there was more than one candidate for a position, it would go to secret vote. Lillian cannot vote in her position as school principal.
- She received nominations for all the positions and only one candidate per position, therefore the positions will be filled by acclamation.
- Chair - Megan Meeds - no objections, acclaimed
- Vice Chair - Rebecca Hart - no objections, acclaimed
- Secretary - Darlene Kofoed - no objections, acclaimed
- Treasurer - Jenn Penikett - no objections, acclaimed
- Communications - Patti Myers - no objections, acclaimed
- Nutrition Coordinator - Jenn Tinker - noted that she is also employed by the TDSB as a lunch room supervisor - no objections, acclaimed
- Welcomed Ms. Raket as the Teacher Rep
- Lillian explained that the Nutrition Coordinator looks after our snack program, works with the budget from the government, manages the finances, ordering and pulling together all the parent volunteers. The coordinator also organizes special food orders for special events/days, such as pizza, popsicles. We also have a fruit and vegetable bowl outside the office and at recess. We also provide food for kids that do not have a lunch or need a little extra food such as cheese or granola bars.

4. Treasurer's Report - Last years budget and proposed plan for 2019/2020

- We did a proposed budget for 2019/2020 at the May 2019 meeting.
- This year we will be funding only 2 Prologue Plays, 1 Scientist in the School per class, \$250 per teacher for classroom enhancements, we will not financially support field trips this year, buy 5 more Chromebooks and continue to enhance tech, and health and wellness in the school
- Megan motioned to purchase 5 Chrombooks at approximately \$300 each. Moved by Jenn T, seconded by Deirdre
- Lillian would like each kid to have a Chromebook that gives them access to google docs. Question from Claudia about using the promethean - Lillian finds that they are big, bulky and expensive to replace. Lillian noted that each classroom has a projector and laptop. Claudia to find out pricing on smart tables and other items from the Smart Company.

- STEM - proposal to include chess in the curriculum. A retired teacher will come 1 hour per week for 8 weeks to teach chess for grades 2 and up. It would cost \$400/class. We would need approval from teachers to use 1 hour of their curriculum.
- Grade 6 Graduation - Bake Sale at the holiday and spring concerts to raise funds. We found that it did very well last year and the money was well spent. They use it for their year book, food for graduation and a day trip.
- Ability in Action - we proposed this last year but could not find a date that worked. We are proposing October 7/8. Variety Village would come to the school and the schedule it set, however with the work to rule, we cannot clean the gym, therefore Deirdre looking into the option of taking the kids to Variety Village.
- Lillian - we cannot do those dates as we need time for the paper work. We also need to be sensitive to CUPE and their directive and relationships with employees. The gym cannot be cleaned for this event. We need to give teachers notice, parents notice, likely a 2 week time frame.
- Megan to talk to BAS about if they would like to participate and/or contribute to the cost. We are paying \$3200 for the whole school including BAS.
- Movie License - Lillian advised that it costs \$500 to get a Movie Licence to play movies during classroom instruction (such as showing a movie based on a book they read), rainy days and movie nights.
- Island School - Lillian has received a lot of subsidy requests this year for Island School (\$150/kid). She believes that every kids should have the opportunity to go but it is not in the school budget to subsidize it all. She feels that the movie licence is an extra and could go without that. Lillian is asking for School Council input.
- Megan advised that she would rather see School Council subsidize Island School kids as a budget line and it is not realistic for School Council to pay for the Movie Licence as it is shared with teachers and BAS.
- Megan would like to emphasize on our Direct Donation, School Cash Online that donations are used to help other kids
- Lillian agreed the school budget will pay for the Movie Licence but noted that if School Council wants to do Movie Nights that they please contribute to the cost of the licence.
- Lillian still does not have her school budget yet - but would like to make Island School a priority and there may not be much left over for Chromebooks.

5. Principal Report

- Job Action - CUPE started job action today (EA's, lunch supervisors, care takers, office admin, special needs assistants and Early Childhood Educators). They have received specific direction from their union that they are directed not to do, or do differently some of their job tasks, which is specific to their contract.
- She noted that Health and Safety still takes priority and will be dealt with.
- Since the Office Admin cannot buzz people into the school, Lillian will be doing that, when she is in the office. She advised she may not always be around to buzz people in, such as if she is on the phone, in a classroom, outside, she cannot respond as fast.
- Care Takers are not setting up lunch tables, therefore kids are eating on the gym/foyer floor
- Messages on the outside board will not be changed.
- Garbage - care takers will clean the classroom and kitchen. They will not clean general purpose areas such as the hallway, outside and gym.
- We want to maintain relationships with people and respect their job action.

- Please keep the line of communication open
- Lunch supervisors are reminding kids to clean up the garbage, suggested that litter-less lunches be reminded
- Teachers will vote at the end of October
- We need to prepare School Council budget, fundraising and School Statement of Needs (by the end of October).
- Lillian announced she will be retiring at the end of June 2020 - They will start the selection process for a new principal in May. We are to write out what is unique to Kimberley and she recommends having a conversation with BAS to collaborate. The Superintendent will receive this document/criteria/consultation and the Chairs of the School Councils will meet possible principals to have a conversation.
- Megan spoke to Erin BAS Chair and they are open to having an conversation and include the differences between the two schools.
- Orange Shirt Day Assembly - this was very powerful and moving event. It had a very positive message for everyone. Mary Jane the Superintendent was present at the school for this assembly
- Climate Change Strike Assembly - Lillian found that the kids had a very strong protest voice and they showed them some of the live coverage of the protest and Greta's speech. They asked the kids what would they say if given the opportunity - and they came up protest style statements
- Island School - BAS and 6 boys from Kimberley & Norway with Mr. McLeod where there. There were too many boys, so they had to split them up. They will come back Wednesday and the next group would go until Friday morning.
- Cross County is on Friday October 4. Lillian will bring the kids back from Island School to participate
- Gledhill Vice Principal will be at Kimberley to help, plus the Teacher in Charge and Maya from BAS in Lillian's absence.
- New Kindergarten Class has been created due to numbers. Lillian felt the transition went well. She is in the process of hiring a teacher, buying stuff form the classroom. They did a \$1200 rush order.
- Grade 1/2 - Ms. Dor is now on mat leave. Ms. Ariel is the successful candidate for the position.
- EQAO results - grade 3 - 98% of kids are at or above provincial level in reading, 92% in writing, 80% for math. She noted grade 6 math was 50% but progress in other areas.
- Lillian noted that there has been an intense initiative for grade 1 reading plus the grade 3's were the first to attend full day kindergarten
- Grade 3's are now doing the CCAT - screening for learning style and possible gifted designation. This will give them their learning profile
- Megan noted that they are getting rid of extended French and having full emersion in JK in 2022. Middle emersion in grade 4 and grade 9 will continue
- Lillian noted that it is important to go to the Trustee meetings, have a parent rep. She advised that we could also offer to host one in the school

6. Teachers Report - Ms. Rakel

- No update

7. Executive Roles and Committees - Megan Meeds

- Megan put together committees for people who want to volunteer more but do not want to come to the meetings
- We have not actively recruited for some of these committees
- Fundraising Committee - Deirdre to Chair this - funds raised for kimberley students, direct donation letter, pizza, PNO, online auction, however not limited to this
- Communications Committee - Patti to chair - working with Brittany for website (Megan knows how to use it too), weekly email, flyers, can look at stats from last year to see email champ
- diversity inclusion lead - Denise was interested - how to include everyone in the community to have a voice
- Grant writer lead - help Megan see or write grants
- Beaches Community League donated 20 soccer balls
- Grade 6 Grad - needs a lead but not necessarily need an exec member
- we need 1 executive member to sit on the committee to be able to report back to council

8. Other Business

- statement of needs - Megan and Rebecca are working on it
- pizza forms - \$2.50/slice, no milk - a notice will be sent home but we will be asking people to sign up for emails so we can communicate via email and go paperless
- We would like everyone to pay online - or at least as many as possible. During work to rule Natalie cannot touch money, parents and Lillian can touch the money - we will ask parent to email Megan if they cannot pay online
- We are also doing one order for the whole year due to work to rule and possible strike - with respect to the current job action this is why we are doing online payment as office cannot accept money
- Megan to give a more thorough proposal for the Chess - She would like to meet with Ms. Rakel and possibly 2 other teachers to hear from him
- Evonne Centre 55 - ask/suggest that we do Santa's Breakfast here in the gym, Saturday December 7, Council to get the permit and can use it to fundraise. Table item, we need more info

Adjourned to October 28, 2019