

School Council Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2017

In Attendance: Jenn Macaulay, Tracy McShane, Marsha Walker, Jacqueline Linton, Amanda Westendorp

-Reviewed the results of the recent school climate survey which summarizes the responses from SCDSB students, parents and school staff

Principal's Report

- Jacqueline emphasized how Clearview Meadows is part of the 'Safe School' initiative as we have partnerships with the OPP and Clearview firefighters
- A team of students will be setting up "un-learn" areas in our school to encourage kids to recognize bias and better understand equity
- Mental Health and Education Week will be observed the first week of May. During this week, students will be participating in activities that help them better understand mental health and strategies that deal with alleviating stress, i.e. yoga

Fundraising Report

- Jenn updated us that the car fundraiser is unfortunately not taking place this year as our school was not selected by the car dealership
- We will be organizing themed baskets once again (arranged with donations from students) to be part of the silent auction for the School Play on May 11th. This has been a successful fundraiser in previous years.
- It was suggested that we send an e-mail survey out to parents asking for their input about fundraising ideas for the 2017/2018 school year

Other Business

- There has been an increased amount of confusion by parents as to why pizza and sub orders are not saved and kept for students who are absent on days in which they have ordered lunch. Order forms clearly state that arrangements should be made that morning for pick up of pizza and subs. We are seeking a considerate way to address this issue that will not cause extra work for the office staff since the school does not have a parent volunteer who comes in on pizza/milk and sub days to look after this.
- "Paint the Town Pink" Day is being planned for April 12th. It involves a community walk/parade with the Byng school community. Volunteers are needed.
- We discussed how to engage more parents in volunteer activities rather than communication seem exclusive to school council parents. Will work towards putting together a list of school volunteers to assist in future fundraising and school community events.
- We discussed the need for a balanced cell phone strategy. Currently, particularly in the intermediate grades, there is extensive use of cell phones during instructional time and

recess time. As a result, students are distracted from engaging in the instructional learning time in class, and also from participating in recreation time during recess. Solutions are needed to find balance in managing tech devices. It was discussed that technology should be used to enhance learning, rather than take away from it. If students are not using cell phones to support their learning, they will be asked to put their devices away.

Next meeting: Monday, May 1 6:00pm