

Clearview Meadows School Council Meeting: October 3, 2016

In attendance:

Jacqueline Linton, Christy Boyd, Jenn Macaulay, Shannon McNally, Christie Arthurs, Stacey Gillis, Marsha Walker, Amanda Westendorp, Meagan Boosie, Erinn Bage, Tracy McShane, Matthew Laker, Shannon Beatty

-Introductions and nominations for chair, vice-chair and secretary. Jenn Macaulay will continue her roll as chair of the council, Christy Boyd, vice-chair and Amanda Westendorp, secretary.

-Jenn introduced MMEA as a new hot lunch option. It was agreed that we will try this lunch option for a trial period of a month, and limit the pasta choices to four or five, including a gluten free option.

-We considered adding 'Grandma's Beach Treats' as a fundraising idea, but decided not to pursue that idea because of concerns ensuring it is a nut-free environment.

-Discussed the possibility of using Neighbourhood Farms and Veseys seeds as fundraising possibilities for next year.

-Jacqueline explained the School Improvement Plan for this year, which includes Transforming Learning Spaces, Mental Health, and using technology for deeper learning. A number of staff members are involved in this and Jacqueline will be presenting the learning plan at the next school council meeting.

-Discussed upgrades/repairs to some of the natural playground elements that were vandalized over the summertime. Jacqueline will talk to the Board office regarding setting up equipment that is less prone to vandalism.

-EQAO results were distributed and it was noted that there will be a renewed focus on Math this year. All in all, the behavioural data taken reflects positive attitudes toward Math, which will hopefully translate to increased achievement levels.

-Christie explained what Transforming Learning Spaces look like and the possibility of using fundraising profits toward this initiative. The 'hacks' that were used to set up a transformed learning space in her classroom were recently discovered to not meet board approval and therefore will be expensive to recreate using board approved tools/furniture (i.e. stand up desks and stability balls). The goals of the transformed learning space include being able to reach all learners by accommodating their diverse learning styles as well as collaboration in the learning environment.

-As part of the Transforming Learning Spaces initiative, Jacqueline has ordered a variety of sensory outlet tools.

-The council accepted the fundraising plan for this school year.

Future school council meetings for the current school year are scheduled for the first Monday of November, December, February, April, and May, beginning at 6:00 pm.