

School Council Meeting - November 6, 2017

In Attendance: Jenn Macaulay, Meagan Smith, Jessica Chester, Kristin Barton, Marsha Walker, Christy Lightheart, Shannon Stewart, Kamana Ramserran, Erinn Bage, Jacqueline Linton, Amanda Westendorp

1. Presentation on School Travel Planning

- Ruth McArthur, (public health nurse from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit), is involved in School Travel Planning and has been reviewing the local traffic plan.
- Due to safety concerns regarding the County Rd. 26/North Street crosswalk, Ruth and Jacqueline met with Clearview Township to look at creating an action plan for the future as we anticipate much population growth in our area. Additionally, the amount of students walking and biking to school will only increase with the amalgamation of Clearview Meadows and Byng public schools
- Assessments and surveys, inclusive to both Clearview and Byng parents, will be administered so that a school travel plan is in place before the infrastructure increases in our community.
- A sub-committee is currently being formed so help gain parent feedback. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should speak to Jacqueline.

2. Principal's Report

- The SCI Transition Committee has it's first meeting this Thursday, November 9th. Matthew Laker will be the parent representative for Clearview Meadows, and Mr. Goode as the teacher representative.
- At the meeting, it will be discussed how information will be disseminated and communicated to the public.

3. Chair's Report

Fundraising: Jenn communicated that the food fundraisers have really just begun, but so far, are doing well. There has been a lot of interest in the pasta lunch option and time will tell if it is a successful fundraiser. The chocolate covered almonds fundraiser is doing very well. Jenn proposed moving the almond fundraiser to February in future years as many people are inundated with chocolate following Halloween.

4. School Council meeting dates for the remainder of the school year:

Jenn motioned to have three more council meetings. These will take place in February, April and May, all on the first Mondays of the month.

5. Other questions/thoughts

-Shannon suggested the idea of bringing back the Dance-a-thon as one of our big fundraisers. (With Nick's assistance as a deejay). It is not in the fundraising plan for this school year, but we can consider it at the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year.

-Marsha questioned the possibility of having a Christmas concert, as has been done in years past and as a way to enhance school community. Jacqueline acknowledged that the focus right now is on the Remembrance Day assembly and report cards, but she is open to doing something if a staff member is willing to coordinate an event.

-Jenn suggested the idea of the kids singing in the retirement home as a way to further increase community