

Clearview Meadows School Council Minutes - November 7, 2016

In Attendance: Jacqueline Linton, Christie Arthurs, Tracy McShane, Jenn Macaulay, Shannon Beattie, Christy Lighthouse, Marsha Walker, Stacey Gillis, Meagan Boasie, Dan Chester, Amanda Westendorp

1. Jacqueline confirmed that the field trip and fundraising plan have been approved. In addition, Mrs. Redman is part of a pilot project that will provide funding for playground equipment that propels the initiative to have transformed learning spaces in the outdoor setting.

2. Jacqueline gave an update on the school activities that have taken place this Fall. These include the Terry Fox Run, Halloween dance, etc. In addition to these activities, the following updates were mentioned:

-Progress reports will be going home on November 11th.

-The school is trying to get ECHO certification. This is considered once the school has provided seven special lessons focusing on the environment. Jacqueline believes this has already been accomplished, putting the school in a position to get the certification.

-Teachers have been doing STEAM development and workshops pertaining to the topic of Mental Health.

-Curling has started and the schedule has been added to the school website. Practice times for school sports will also be available on the website.

-Some wobble stools and stand up desks have been ordered to assist in transforming the learning spaces.

-Shannon asked if there are any programs in place at the high school level to help kids transition from a transformed learning space. i.e. Is the high school also implementing these strategies?

-Jacqueline explained that discussions with other elementary schools and the high school regarding this topic are being arranged.

-Amanda asked how the school is evaluating the effectiveness of the Transformed Learning Spaces initiative.

-Jacqueline explained that Mrs. Doner-Banks has taken steps toward this evaluation in her classroom by giving students an opportunity to do an assignment in a traditional setting and then in the transformed learning space environment. The feedback for the transformed learning space has been positive.

-Tracey asked for clarification regarding funding approval for the Clearview/Byng school merge and high school renovations.

-Jacqueline will ask John Dance from the Board office for more information.

3. Jenn presented the Fundraising report.

- The card boxes are due back soon so we are waiting to see how successful this fundraiser was. There was concern that we may lose money if boxes are not returned. Jenn explained this is a possibility but we will have to wait for those results.

-Poinsettia orders are due back on November 17th.

-Pizza and sub orders are on the decline since going paperless with these orders. It was agreed that we will try sending one form home per family.

-Notes in kids' agendas will also help remind families of pizza and sub orders without using more paper.

-It was noted that the quality of 'Life's a Slice' pizza has been poor and the slices are cut inconsistently.

-New fundraising ideas:

- Buick has agreed to set up a test driving fundraiser at the school in the Spring. They will donate \$20 for every test drive

- “Big Box” : used clothing and stuffed animal fundraiser

4. In other business, Meagan asked if the school could move towards an electronic method of signing up for parent/teacher conferences. Jacqueline mentioned that this comes at an expense, but she will look into the possibility.

Tracey brought up the fact that the school's electronic sign is still on during the weekends. Naturally, this is wasting hydro and upsetting neighbours across the road. Jacqueline agreed there have been some complications in managing it but she will call the sign company and get it sorted out.

There is concern about certain cars consistently parking in non-designated areas. It was suggested that bylaw be called. Jacqueline was going to possibly go out and address the drivers in the morning.

Shannon asked if there is a way teachers can communicate with parents when their children will be receiving a character award prior to the character assembly.

Next meeting: Monday, December 5, 6:00 pm