

Parent Council Meeting
September 24, 2018

Attendees:

Mr M., Mr. P, Mr. Blizzard, Melanie, Kelly, Liddy, Jayme, Cindy, Charlyn, Greg, Debbie, Jill, Richelle [trustee]

First meeting to summarize last years Parent Council -

Welcome/Student presentation:

- Faith Gr. 7 student spoke about the Tim Hortons camp that the Gr 7/8 are leaving for on Tuesday-Friday. Spoke to the Tiger Teams (outreach, spirit, art and sports) and how they bring this back from camp and provide a voice and leadership to fellow students through the tribes the rest of the year.

Admin Report -

- literacy support volunteers has been requested by Ms. Paci and Ms. Lawrence to support primary students. Email blast will go out parents in the coming weeks to see if we can get volunteers
- spirit wear - will be made available for purchase in the Fall
- team uniforms separate from 'spirit wear' - Mr M and Mr P to collaborate with physical education staff to develop wish list
- Mr. M discussed briefly that the EQAO scores are now out and all across the Board and province, math scores are low, especially in jr / intermediate grades. Literacy scores among the highest TEC has scored in recent years
- classroom books for levelled reading in higher grades was discussed and Mr. M said that TEC is well resourced. Admin will revisit this with teachers to ensure all current resources are being explored and used.

Community/Social events:

- review of last years PC events - movie night, garden, breakfast club, spirit wear
- Cindy brought up the issue of our TEC pop up shade tent for track/outdoor events - working with Lauren Eccles regarding a quote for a branded logo tent. Greg offered his business contacts as well to get a quote to see of the cost for this tent - to report findings back a next meeting
- Movie night has been voted in favour of offering two times in the coming school year - tentative for November 2018 and February 2019 to be discussed at next months meeting
- Additional help needed for breakfast club - Kelly to send Mr. M a blurb about the program and expectations for volunteers by end of week to send out an email blast to parents.

- PRO Grant was briefly touched upon to be discussed further at next meeting - Active Chefs we would like to offer something else this year - suggestions - Yoga, mental health or math
- Richelle Papin - school board trustee spoke to Fair Funding and how the HDSB has the least amount of government funding (provided handout which contained a chart). Transportation and special education is where decline in support and using statistics from 1994. Request was made to send letters to local MPP (Jane McKenna) showing your upset that this is not fair. Additional request was made to have blanket letter that families can simple change name and submit - no need to reinvent the wheel - no one offered to create said letter format
- Debbie brought up a blank form that could be created with check boxes for families to provide if they would be interesting in helping and provide an email address. School would need to know all programs that they would need volunteers for - to be handed out in the back to school first day home package - to be kept for next year as a thought.
- PIC representative - Mel has to give this up do to work commitments - she will be reaching out to Louise to see if she would like to take over as she had expressed an interest before. Mel to report back at next meeting
- meeting had no agenda so things jumped around quite a bit and got off topic and ran quite long - next meeting request there be an agenda to keep the meeting on track

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: Monday October 15 at 6:30 pm