

School Council

Sept 29, 2022 6:00 pm

Welcome and Attendance – G. Munday

Attendance: C. Siemens, G. Munday, S. Napper, J. Block, J. Lilley, M. Kamendy

Regrets: R. Labrie, J. Lukacsy

G. Munday welcomed attendees. Thanked all for being a part of the council last year.

Principal's Report – M. Kamendy

- Great start: enrolment at 192, 9 homeroom classes, gained a DECE in second Kindergarten class. This means there are two educators in the room.
- Snack program has started again. Classes receive a lunch bag with snacks for those who are interested.
- Character trait assemblies to begin in October. The character trait to be explored in November is Respect.
- Grade 7/8 class are going to the outdoor learning centre for a Leadership and Team Building day on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming days on the calendar: Rowan's Law Day (Sept 28), Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30). These dates can be found on the school website.
- Meet the Teacher is Sept 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 pm. We are happy to offer families the opportunity to attend in person to see their child's room and meet their teacher.
- Cross Country, and Junior and Intermediate Soccer are currently being offered. Meets go into October.
- Picture Day will be October 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to bring their best smile!
- Offering lunches again this year. So far Archies is up for ordering, however pizza will join soon.
- Creed Based Days – families were invited to share days of significance with the principal
- Niagara Icedogs Steele Street Night – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to S. Napper for organizing the event. Our choir, lead by N. Munro, will be singing the national anthem.
- Check out the school website and our facebook page. A link was sent out to families in the start up communication.
- Continue to use School Cash Online – there are some forms that are filled out yearly for participation and technology use.
- All families are invited to participate in the DSBN's Ignite survey. This contributes to the DSBN's Strategic Plan for Student Success. Students in grade 4-8 will complete the survey in class. It is comprised of two open-ended questions.

Report on Finances

- Fundraising last year went towards outdoor equipment for the recess time

- School Council had also approved the purchase of a tent for sporting events. This will be purchased in the coming days.

#### Positions on School Council

- Roles of the council were reviewed, and the positions that people expressed interest in having were shared. Those present were reminded that they could also put their names forth for positions. G. Munday called for nominations and then held voting. Positions were acclaimed. The 2022-2023 is as follows:

Chair – G. Munday

Secretary – R. Labrie

General Council – S. Napper, C. Siemens, J. Lilley

Teacher Representatives: J. Block, J. Lukascy

- It was proposed that the secretary position and the treasurer positions be combined, as banking portion is done through school account. This will be proposed to R. Labrie. If it is declined, J. Lilley would take the position.

#### Future Meeting Dates

- The meeting day of the week was determined to be on Wednesdays, as it best suited the Council members' schedules.
- It was suggested that 4 meetings be set up through the year.
- Council opted for 6, with additional meetings if needed in regards to fundraising.
  - o Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Mar, May

#### Business

Insurance – last year it was approved for the insurance for events run by council to come directly out of our account. Council agreed to do the same this coming year (2023-2024).

Paint a Plow – why were we not a part of this? Principal was not aware of this, however open to participate if still available. J. Lilly was going to look into this for us.

J. Lilley expressed interest in a grad committee.

J. Block asked Council if they would consider purchasing an ice machine for the office. Many students come for ice. The council voted and agreed that this would be beneficial to purchase.

Meeting adjourned