

St. Teresa's | *École Ste-Thérèse* School Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday 14 November 2017, 6:00pm

In attendance: Beverley Bailey, Barbara Hennessey, Kyran Dwyer, Angela Lacey, Jarrett Morgan, Jason Shaw, Danielle Nugent, Sheri Roberts, Lisa Kenny, Joanne Saunders, Joanne Mallay, Kim Devlin

Minutes by: Kim Devlin

Note re: October school council meeting: Patricia Amberley was the person who presented for the School Board.

KYRAN'S REPORT

PD Days:

- Working on new school development plan with teachers and staff. Optimizing achievement of our students: reading and math, literacy and numeracy. Safety and security.
- Peaks and troughs, some students are really excelling while others are not and there's very little in between. Wanting a level playing field. Admin favours no homework – people are busy, home life, activities, etc.
- At December meeting the new school development plan will be presented to us.

Busy Fall:

- Breakfast Program is now five days a week (from three days a week).
- Serving 200-270 kids per morning.
- Sobey's gives us a lot of food for free on a daily basis (some days it's as much as \$300 worth of food).
- Always looking for volunteers to help with the Breakfast Program, even just one day in a month.

Change from 8:25am to 8:35am for entry:

- Kids are welcome to come in to the school at 8:25 but they have to be in the cafeteria because that's where the duty teachers are.

Kids Eat Smart/Breakfast Program:

- Sobey's matches all donations to Kids Eat Smart/Breakfast Program – money, cereal, any foods, etc.

Eastern Health grant:

- A teacher has applied for a grant of \$3000 to have to lending libraries (Wellness Coalition in Avalon East). Kids will do some art and writing and it will be showcased over at Sobey's. Some of it will be showcased in art boxes around Mundy Pond (they'll be sealed and weatherproof). Trying to build a strong community.

Report cards/parent-teacher interviews:

- Nov. 28 report cards go out, parent-teacher interviews will be Nov. 30. Encourage parents to come in for parent-teacher interviews.

Gym rentals:

- Gym rentals are up, but we could try and get them up more. Where do we advertise?

School spirit:

- Tuesday, Dec. 19 – movie, popcorn, sleeping bags, lawn chairs. Will be free and not a fundraiser. Admin want everyone to feel welcome and not needing to bring anything.
- How to sponsor families at Christmastime. Figuring out who needs and who can give, and matching up those families. Last year it's estimated St. T's families helped 40-50 other St. T's families (families who are going through a hard time, particularly at this time of year).
- Basketball at Mile One – should find out how to involve the school.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 12/17 at 6pm

Motion to adjourn: Jason and Angela