

October Minutes

October 17, 2019 - 7pm in staff lounge at Summerside Public School

**** Amended November 24, 2019 to note that after consulting with school psychologists, it has been decided that we will not be moving forward with the memorial bench for Nathan.**

In attendance: Andrea Gordon, Becky Stanisic, Chelsey Prince, Christine Lanos, Heather Neelin, Hicham Benkirane, Jenna AuCoin, Kailey Satta, Lesley Girouard, Nathalie Lafreniere, Navneet Bains, Erica Roy, Nik Cotter, Rohini Dhaliwal, Sarah Ahmed, Sui Ling Lee, Talile Terfa Dibaba, Mai Mousa, Aissatou Soumate, Christine Csversko

Welcome and thank you to Becky and Chelsey for a fabulous launch of the parent resource library!

Minutes from last meeting are approved.

A word from Christine Lanos

- Updates on EQAO results
- From Grade 3: Reading - 75% meeting level 3 or 4
 - Writing - 64% meeting level 3 or 4
 - Math - 54% meeting level 3 or 4
- From Grade 6: Reading - 88% meeting level 3 or 4
 - Writing - 88% meeting level 3 or 4
 - Math 72% meeting level 3 or 4
- Overall the results are consistent with district expectations and the School Learning Plan will continue to focus on math and student well-being
- Progress reports go home November 7th and parent/teacher interviews are to be held the evening of Thursday, November 14th and the morning of Friday, November 15th

A word from our Teaching Representatives

MakerSpace

- Parents are always welcome to help out and offer expertise!
- Makerspace clubs starting this week, different format, individual clubs, some during school hours and after school

Sports

- Junior Girls and Boys soccer tournaments- boys had a great attitude, played well together as a team, and ended up in 3rd place.
- Intermediate Ultimate frisbee teams attended their tournament
- Cross Country run club attended regionals on October 7.

- Intermediate Girls Football took place on Oct. 15. the girls finished in 3rd place.
- Intermediate boys football took place on Oct. 16th.
- Intermediate cross country regionals took place on October 7th. 5 athletes will be representing Summerside at Boards on October 24th

Student Leadership

- WE Team is holding a food drive this week
- We met our goal of raising \$1000 for the Terry Fox Run. Grand total was just over \$1300, thank you!
- Intermediate Cultural potluck to take place on Friday, October 18th

Arts

- Choir has begun. Almost 40 singers from Grades 1-5 have signed up.
- Gr. 8 Band has begun
- Gr. 7 band will begin after Thanksgiving
- Proposal being prepared for purchasing some art equipment for the Intermediate division to support visual arts.

Clubs

- WE Team is running a Food Drive at the end of the month (next week Oct. 21-25) "WE Scare Hunger". There will be more information to come about what items are most needed at our local Food Bank! We thank our school community in advance for your support.

Other

- Scholastic Book Fair is coming up the last week of October
- Halloween dance for the intermediates on Oct 31st

A word from the Treasurer

We will be paying \$771.48 for the cost of the parent resource library from our \$1000 grant. It's yet to be determined if we will need to send back the remaining \$228.52. Christine offers to look into it and will inform us further.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The current balance of the bank account as of October is \$12,283,61
- 2 cheques were cashed since the last council meeting, the 1st to school to reimburse the purchase of the new safe, the 2nd to 1 for 1 pizza to pay for the weekly pizza program delivered to the students.
- fees was paid to order two cheque books.
- Nathalie brought the collected funds for the pizza program. The cash counted by Nathalie and verified by Andrea is 9777,00\$. The school provided the council by the collected funds report through cash online (SC-Pizza Days). The amount is 12485,00\$. The school will prepare a cheque to the school council.

OCASC

Andrea proposes we have a representative from Summerside School Council sit in on Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) next meeting. We will be using \$35 from our fund for the membership fee. Next meeting for OCASC is Thursday, November 21 at 7pm and Erica Roy volunteers to attend on behalf of Summerside School Council.

Politics

The issue of whether or not council organizes/participates in any political demonstrations is decided as council members are free to participate/support issues as parents and supporters but that council itself will not organize demonstrations.

Memorial Bench

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Christine proposes a memorial reading bench for Nathan. Council votes in agreement and it is determined the cost would be approximately \$1000 for the bench and plaque. The issue of whether or not a photo of Nathan will be displayed is going to be discussed with the tragic events team and a decision will be made with their input.

Fundraising

The Boston Pizza night for November was planned for November 20, the same night as our next council meeting. It has been determined we will try to switch dates with Boston Pizza and the new night will be announced.

Halloween Dance

The Halloween Dance is fast approaching on Friday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30pm

- We have secured a DJ for \$450 and a magician for 30 minutes at 8:00pm.
- Water and juice was donated by Sobey's
- Pumpkins were donated by Sobey's
- Pizza has been donated by Little Caesar's
- Chocolate bars were donated by Shoppers
- Thank you letters will be distributed to our sponsors
- Flyers will be distributed shortly
- We have secured a photobooth for this year as well

A list of requests still needed for Halloween Dance

- Glow stick bracelets (dollar store). I think we could use 80-100 more? We have about 115 in storage)
- Plastic table clothes (rectangular) (dollar store)
- Paper plates and napkins
- Large brown paper waste bags
- Large or Extra large blue recycle bags
- Halloween decorations (to be put on walls)
- Large candy bowls
- Painters tape
- Scotch tape

Please send an email to summersideschoolcouncil@gmail.com to donate

MacMillan's

MacMillan's food delivery is set up to be December 9/10. Flyers will be going home around November 1st. Council votes on a new incentive for the class with the highest funds raised and it's decided the winning class will receive a book from a group Scholastic book order.

Lunches

Chelsey goes through her spreadsheet of available lunch options. It is decided to keep Lunch Lady as it is already going and we will be adding Pita Pit as it is one of the simpler options with less organization from council. It's decided we will be charging \$5.50 for the wraps and \$3.75 for the smoothies. It's also decided we will try to have the order for Thursdays.

Flipgive

It's decided that we will create a page for Summerside on Flipgive. An online shopping platform where parents can use a code and Summerside receives a kickback from many vendors. Money can be withdrawn from the account after \$100.

Colibri

Nik runs us through the premise of Colibri; reusable packaging for snacks and lunches. There are only limited spots left for a fundraiser and it's decided we will fundraise from April 21 - May 4 which will also cover Earth Day

School Council Bulletin Board

It's asked if the school could provide a bulletin board exclusively for School Council to use for updates and ongoing information and it's agreed to by Christine.

School Council Training Workshop

Registration for school council training provided by Ottawa Carleton District School Board is being offered Saturday, November 9, from 8:30am-3:30pm at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School. Please follow the link below to register.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCDSB_Parent_Conference_and_School_Council_Training_Day_2019_Registration

Meeting is adjourned around 9:10pm

Next council meeting scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 7:00pm 😊