

November Minutes

November 20, 2019 - 7pm in staff lounge at Summerside Public School

In attendance:Andrea Gordon, Becky Stanisic, Christine Lanos, Dahlia Maxwell, Heather Neelin, Jenna AuCoin, Kailey Satta, Navneet Bains, Erika Roy, Richard Toomer, Saaimah Malik, Sarah Ahmed, Sui Ling Lee

Amendment to October minutes

After speaking with the psychologists of the tragic events team, it was decided that we will not be moving forward with the memorial bench for Nathan. It was decided to amend the minutes from October's meeting to reflect this change.

A word from Christine Lanos

- The wifi has been upgraded
- Letters from Ottawa Public Health were sent home regarding immunizations. If parents received a letter they should have their children vaccinated as soon as possible. Letters go home far in advance to avoid possible suspensions from school in the new year.
- The identity based data survey is ongoing. Students from Grade 1-6 have a parent complete the survey on their behalf. Grade 7-8 students will be completing the survey at school between Nov 26 - Dec 13.
- On November 23rd, OCDSB hosted a half day conference on Anti-Black Racism being held at Confed. The conference is called Breaking Barriers: Achieving Black Student Excellence.

Labour Relations

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will continue to keep parents informed as they receive new information regarding labour relations.

Teacher's Update

MakerSpace

- Parents always welcome to help out and offer expertise!

Sports

- Intermediate boys and girls tier 1 volleyball is in full swing. Boys are being coached by M Long and the girls are being coached by Mme Zidner and Ms Coventry
- Junior boys and girls tier 2 Triple ball is underway. Final teams (coached by Mme LeClair and Mme Mott) will be announced this week
- Looking to purchase two sets of indoor curling sets to be used by classes in grades K-8 Phys Ed and for special activity days (See proposal brought by Kailey)

Student Leadership

- Leadership initiatives within the intermediate division are ongoing.
- The Building Bridges program with the Autism B class and the intermediates has resumed for the year.
- Leadership opportunities for the junior and intermediate students to roll out the WITS and Peer helpers program on the yard is beginning to take shape.
- WE Team continues to meet and are in the planning stages for their holiday campaign

Arts

- Choir is rehearsing for our Holiday Concert at Summerside and our performance with the Rag and Bone Puppet Theatre at the Shenkman Arts Centre

Clubs

- WE Team held a successful Food Drive at the end of October
- Skills Ontario meetings have started with Ms Plumb. Several intermediate students involved in a variety of innovative challenges

Other

- Scholastic Book Fair was very successful
- New line of Summerside apparel is currently available for purchase. Class of 2020 hoodies also available for students in grade 8.
- Some referee stands have been purchased for the gym. Once again we will be hosting the tier 1 and 2 regional volleyball tournaments as well as the junior triple ball regionals.
- Tomorrow, 190 junior and intermediate students will be attending the Ottawa 67's Game at TD Place
- Request to purchase indoor curling rocks - proposal given and we will review at a later date.

Twin Flames performs November 28 in two performances. One for kindergarten to grade 4 students which will have more simple songs and stories and one for the grade 5-8 with more music and stories. We received a \$400 subsidy for the performances and the funds have already been withdrawn from the account from last year when a performance was anticipated but fell through.

Treasurer's Report

Our account currently sits at \$32,782 after the Halloween dance and cheques for pizza

Fundraising

Movie Night - January 23, 2020

- Doors open at 6 and the movie is being played at 6:30. A vote passes not to have pizza at the event and instead sell just popcorn, ice cream and drinks.
- There is no fee for entry.
- The movie will be decided at January movie and likely raffled off after the movie.

Macmillan's

The order is coming due. Delivery date will be announced.

Boston Pizza

Boston Pizza night is coming up on December 2 from 5:00pm-9:00pm and a percentage of sales from the evening will be going back to Summerside.

Proposed Events

The idea of a family board game night and an outdoor yoga session are proposed for possible fundraising events in the future and will be discussed in greater length at a later date.

Lights and Curtains

Summerside is just about to place the order for curtains which were priced at about \$5600. Lights are still being researched and planning for an update in January.

Constitution

The constitution has been updated to state that the maximum number of parents at large will be 12 and the constitution is signed by the co-chairs, secretary and principal.

School Principal Profile

Every school council creates a profile of the characteristics they would like their school principal to have. Andrea says it will be sent out and reviewed.

Summerside Website - School Council

Being run fabulously by Andrea. Any new information that should be added to the website can be passed along to her.

School Council Communication Board

It has been moved so parents can see it right when they enter the school - thank you Christine. Be sure to check out the board and website for all up to date fundraising events and upcoming meetings.

Snow/Drop Off

A discussion of issues regarding drop-off and snow issues evolves. We have looked into getting no U-turn signs to help with drop off/pick ups on Stormwind. The conversations ends with the idea of sending an early reminder to parents of drop off etiquette and that if parking and traffic continue to be an issue, by-law may be called.

Staffing Update

We say goodbye (for now) to Vice-Principal Heather Neelin as this will be her last council meeting of the year. She will be leaving on December 6th to enjoy maternity leave. We warmly wish her the best in her exciting new chapter!

Next Meeting

We vote to cancel the upcoming meeting on December 12 and the vote passes. The next council meeting will be January 15, 2020.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!!