

South March Public School Council

Tuesday October 18, 2022 @7pm

Meeting Minutes

Attending

Jeff Gervais, Tim Westover, Christine Moulaison, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Brooke McKnight, Megan-Children's Village of Klondike, Jaclyn Jensen, Monica V-S, Joanne McRae, Michelle Cruickshanks, Kristine Bennet
Virtually- Jessica Gobbels, Isla & Kristin MacKay

Welcome- Brooke

We are attempting the virtual option tonight.

Principal's Report- Jeff

First PD Day in person in awhile. Teachers did work on literacy. Learning new computer platform for report card writing.

Nov. 17 progress reports

Nov. 24/25 in-person interviews, using same online booking system as before

Nov. 4 PD Day

Terry Fox run raised \$3000. We had a whole school assembly to celebrate.

Meet the teacher night went well. Great turn out.

Nov. 12 was first fire drill practice; we will continue with more throughout the year. Lockdown practice will happen later.

Photo day was a success. Children were excited.

IEP went home on Monday

The gate by the parking lot is removed.

Work will begin some on replacing the fascia around the whole school. May have to change entrances/exits for children depending on location of the work.

Extracurricular: x-country team raced with 60 students. Junior soccer is almost finished. Junior Borden ball will be starting soon, there might be a tournament but depends on busing. Could be the option to co-ordinate with parents but must follow process.

Language Learner's Club meets every Wednesday. Parents are allowed to come in and share about their native country.

Trying to focus on what the priorities are within the school. Indigenous education, P.E. & health (equipment or programming), science, arts (dance, drama, music), or online literacy resources.
Student fees, received \$4300

Joanne: Can we look at getting dyslexia support for the teachers. Have someone come in and speak to the teachers or have it for the parents as well. Parents can become more informed.

Michelle: Lots of parents do not know what to do at home to help their child learn to read. We could look at doing a literacy night.

Use Reaching Out Grant and have literacy and math nights.

New Business- Monika

Need to discuss process during inclement weather. Last time was much better as parents were allowed to go inside the school and wait in the gym. Getting email out was helpful. Still need a clear policy.

Draft policy will be ready at our next meeting. Will make it clear for all parents and teachers to know what the process is. Must figure out what to do about the crossing guard if dismissal gets delayed.

Children's Village Update- Megan

Currently have 5 toddlers and 8 preschoolers. Will soon have 15 toddlers and 24 preschoolers.

There has been increase in sickness. 4 positive cases.

Kinder and school agers are into Halloween.

Preschoolers are into space

Toddlers are into anything farm related.

We are looking for donations of clothing for the toddler/preschooler program. Always need extra clothes available. We can do a drop-off box at the back entrance.

COW & OCASC update- Christine

COW election time is now.

OCASC meeting is next week. It is hybrid.

PIC will be decided in Nov. Any parent can join. Very informative of what is happening at other schools.

Treasurer- Joanne

Funds are down normally we have \$12,00 - \$14,000. \$9000 right now.

Pizza program can earn us about \$5000. Have some winter fundraisers ideas.

Was looking at switching banks but no other good option.

Welcome back BBQ was a great success. The bake sale did amazing. The whole evening cost us \$368. The rentals were expensive but it included delivery, set-up and take-down. Will not use Grill Masters again. We had to argue with them about giving us the correct amount of money.

Pizza Program- Michelle

Will go with Jo-Jo's. Pizza will come individually packed by class. How do we collect the money? Can do it through School Cash Online. Need to determine the number of volunteers required. How is it packaged?

Not allowed to share the children's names with Jo-Jo's.

Do we want to have the choice of gluten-free, vegan cheese, halal, dairy free.

Will have two terms. Nov-Feb and Feb-June.

\$3.00/slice. Same price as other schools in area.

If you are sick, you miss out on getting it. Make that policy clear.

Motion by Christine that the Pizza Program can begin. Seconded by Michelle.

Fundraising Initiatives- Brooke

Winter dance on Dec. 1. Non school sanctioned event.

5:45/6:00-8:00. DJ, light show in gym. Library is calm, quiet area.

Families can buy tickets.

Have the canteen area open for snacks. Run a bake sale again. Will need volunteers to take shifts like what happened at BBQ.

Motion by Joanne to have a winter dance. Seconded by Kristine.

School clothing sale, Spirit Wear. Hoping to have it happen in November. Need someone to organize. Will reach out to volunteer list see if any interest.

Popcorn fundraiser. Very profitable. Hand the popcorn out at the end of the day. Will wait until January to organize.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.