

South March Public School Council

Tuesday September 20, 2022 @7pm

Meeting Minutes

Attending

Jeff Gervais, Heather MacAskill, Tim Westover, Christine Moulaison, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Brooke McKnight, Pooja Rajeendrarath, Jessica Livermore, Sumit Sori, Megan-Children's Village of Klondike, Jaclyn Jensen, Monica V-S, Joanne McRae, Sarah Jones Tubman, Kristin Bennett

Welcome- Christine

First in person meeting since Feb. 2022. Next meeting, we are hoping to do hybrid. Computer set-up using Zoom.

Executive already met to go over what happened last year and future events.

-Spirit wear: was in both spring and fall. This year looking at doing a spirit wear repurpose event in the fall. Parents donate clothing that children have outgrown and we can sell them.

-Spring planters' sale: It was a very good success for first time. Looking at getting poinsettias for before xmas.

- Want to focus on the gardens at the front of the school. Beautify the front entranceway.

-Penguins Helping Penguins- Focus on helping families in our community. It is completely anonymous.

-Do dances finally. It would be a fun event.

-Movie nights: very cheap to run and can earn us lots of money.

-Cake Walk: do it in the gym

-Hot lunch program: Pizza, subway, popcorn. We need a new volunteer co-ordinator. A system is set-up for the pizza program. Very simple to use. More time at start then throughout the year.

Need other volunteers to help in distributing food to children.

Principal's Report- Jeff

4th year here

Good start. 11 new staff. Big changes. Moving out of covid restrictions.

Projected enrollment of 470. Over 500 registered, but well distributed throughout school.

Revisiting old practices. Making changes.

Hiring a new teacher for EF5/6. Had some interviews, good sign.

Ventilation measure are still in place.

Follow OPH sick guidelines. No tracking/confirmation of COVID cases. Will continue to monitor absences. If it is very high in one class, will contact OPH get extra cleaning.

Language Learners Club: Trina Piche. Meet Wed. at lunch

Terry Fox on Friday.

Cross country club: hopefully starting up again. Meet in the morning before school. Not sure if we can have meets due to bus driver shortages. We could go to Jack Donahue or Kanata Highlands.

Intramurals starting soon.

Field trips: We are remembering how to fill in the forms and do the procedures. It will depend on busing availability.

Student fees: Voluntary \$20. Curriculum enhancements. Will determine exactly what the wish list items are from staff.

Children's Village- Megan

Excellent summer. Back to normal, with field trips and visitors.

Kindergartens are into marine life, sensory play.

School age are getting ready for Halloween

Opened toddler, preschool program finally. So far 5 toddlers, 8 preschoolers. Increasing to 15 toddlers and 24 preschoolers. Now have 13 staff hiring 2 more. We applied for the \$10/day daycare subsidy. We are waiting to find out if we will be approved.

COW, OCASC, PIC- Christine

COW: Just getting started. Elections are soon.

Do we want to extend a meeting to the trustees. It could be virtual. There is no incumbent for this year. Very important to know the different candidates. Will make a Facebook poll to determine interest.

OSASC: we meet next week.

PIC: Meet tomorrow night.

Meet the Teacher BBQ- Christine

Date is set for September 28.

Grillmaster for the BBQ. Will get profit back.

Bake sale, Dunk bucket, inflatable games, chalk, tattoos, face painting

4:30-5:30 Meet the Teacher. Classes are open.

Will make sure food is ready by around 4:45 in case families need to leave early.

Treasurer Report- Joanne

\$9500. Down \$3300 from last year. No fundraising. We have enough to cover BBQ.

Our fundraising goal for this year is \$10000. Lots of new fundraising ideas.

Propose that we change banks from TD. Right now, we have fee for each e-transfer, \$1.25, plus have other fees. Meridian Credit union is a possibility, it has all of the same features as current account and no fees. The council can bank through the school. Another option.

Elections- Jeff

Only one member applied for each position. Voted in.

Chair: Brooke McKnight

Co-Chair: Christine Moulaison

Treasurer: Joanne McRae

Secretary: Tanya Menzel-Jones

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Jaclyn Jensen

6 Members at Large

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm