

## October 10th, 2017 School Council Meeting Minutes

### **1 Welcome**

All present: School Council members, Principal Dennis Pare, Teacher representatives and committee representatives.

### **2 Principal Update by Dennis Pare:**

**Successful PD Day:** The day focussed on learning plans, numeracy and data on school's EQAO scores; they are good however there is room for improvement . Currently looking to students that are not meeting the grade expectations and investigation why. Also looked at data on student perceptions of school life. That lead to a discussion on bullying.

**Staff Update:** Staffing process is unfolding as quickly as possible. School was able to add an additional 7/8 class which meant that the class size went from 34/35 to 20 students per class.

**Yard:** The soccer field is almost open!

**Parking Lot:** Is for staff use, however there will be a sign indicating hours when families are welcome to park there. Some of the lights in the new parking lot are not working - Dennis will look into it.

**Student Exchange Idea:** Previously done with Korea and would like to explore a similar opportunity with a different country. With a focus on grades 6-8.

### **3 Chair Update by Carrie Cuhaci**

**Ski Club Volunteer Need-** They have a director to run the program but they need a volunteer to organize the volunteers for this clubs. Ski club runs from grade 5-8. Lessons are mandatory for all students for 1 hour, have dinner and then free ski. Takes place on Fridays during the winter. Leaves the school at 4pm and are back before 10pm. Registration and insurance is done through Dovercourt. Position will commence in November.

**Public Nurse** - School council is passing on the idea of a parent lice workshop.

**Setting the Budget:** Everyone agrees that the we will listen to committee proposals today and they will only have to present to School Council to vote on significant changes to their plans.

### **4 Treasurer Update by Lucas**

This year the office will cut cheques not the School Council. Dennis will confirm this.

### **5 Budget Vote**

**Vote 1** - What do spend on annual activities vs what to spend on a legacy or larger initiative. \$42,000 (what we raise last year), \$24,000 (what we have set aside)

**Vote 2** - What should the larger initiative be?

**Vote 3** - Amount for each committee, \$60,000 + - the amount that will be presented

**All present agree that we will reserve \$24,000 for a legacy project tbd during next month's meeting.**

## **6 Committee Presentations**

### **Science & Math**

**Expose Classes-** Proposed budget \$7,500.

**Hands on existing Programs-** Scientist in the School and Math workshops, Robotics Club, Tech Club and Math Club. Proposed budget \$2500.

**Initiatives-** Math Night, Science and Tech Week, Math workshops. Proposed Budget \$1500

**Total Proposed budget \$11,500**

### **Healthy Active Living**

This committee did a wonderful job of reaching out to community partners to learn about programs that are available.

Equipment Top Up 750-1000

Bike Rodeo

Baseball Ontario \$500

Goodlife for Kids - Free with principal approval, Grade 4 only

Dovercourt Kids in Motion, K-Grade 3, Per hour rates \$30-\$75

Dovercourt Parkour Program

Anytime Fitness, \$80hr with 60 kids

Rhythm Works Workshop, (Stomp) cost \$950, comes with motivational speech

Little Soul Programs- mindfulness, varying costs

Cultivating Cooks \$500-\$2000 per program. Karley from Urban Element

### **Arts Committee**

Exploring options for musical/drama initiative and/or production. Last year was more workshop focused but this year they would like to shift the focus to a larger event.

They are currently working with teachers and community partners to explore opportunities.

\$10,000 last year allowed for two workshops for each class.

### **Primary Play Day**

\$250

### **Community Engagement Committee**

Rebranding to align with OCDSB outcomes and OCDSB Character Wheel

Proposed \$1500 for a student initiative that will benefit our sister school.

Dennis is exploring York School as a possible sister school.

### **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

Proposed \$500

### **Celebration of Multiculturalism**

In collaboration with Nepean High School, host a daytime event for students and an evening event for parents. Events would showcase cultures from around the world through art, dance and food.

Proposed budget \$2,000

**Student Well-being (This is a new proposed committee)**

Seminars, workshops & resources.

Proposed budget: \$2500

**Volunteer Coordinator - Helen**

Focus on expanding base of volunteers and streamlining the volunteering process.

Proposed budget \$500 for a volunteer appreciation.

**Grad**

Proposed Budget \$1500

**Green Committee**

\$5,000 to restore edible garden, butterfly garden and Kindergarten garden.

\$50,000 Goal to transform school yard.

**Fundraising Budget**

Proposed budget \$1250

New ideas- Valentine Gift a grams, holiday wreaths, commemorative bricks, Tiggy Winkles Night just before the holidays.

**7 Next steps and Open Floor**

-New committee 'Well Being' is approved by group.

-Exploring how to reduce committee budgets.

-Survey to be sent to teachers to vote on proposed ideas from each committee.

-Dennis speaks to which aspects of the budget are provided by the board vs school council

**Budget Ideas:**

-Reduce each aspect of the budget by about 20% to total \$40,000.

-Or cut each proposed budget by half, send out survey to teachers and later decide how to allocate the rest of the remaining budget.

***Consensus Reached!!!! :)***

**Each committee and school funding item received a 20% ish reduction for this school year. Everyone present agreed.**

**Committee**

**Proposed Budget Amount**

**2016-2017 Budget**

<b>Arts</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>
<b>Charitable</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Grad</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>HAL</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>
<b>Robotics, Science, and Math</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$14,900</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Buses</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>\$500</b>	
<b>Primary Rep</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Junior Rep</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Kinder Rep</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Teacher Appreciation Lunch</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Greening Committee</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Student Wellbeing Committee</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Multicultural Day</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>