

SAC Minutes: Monday, October 23, 2017

Present: Laura Vermeer (Chair), Tammy Meloche (Principal), Bruno Pallotto (Vice Principal), Shelley Smith (Staff Representative), Kelly Hotts (Community Member), Heidi Spring (Treasurer), Marianne Lee (Co-Secretary), Beth Cowan (Co-Secretary), Jody Wipp, James Spring, Susan Smith, Kelly Stack, Karen Fedak, Amanda Park, Dana Brown, Niki Fowler, Stephanie Phillips, Christie Paulton, Rebecca Tonon

Regrets: Paula Munday

Welcome: Laura welcomed and introduced members.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion to adopt minutes from September 2017 as distributed made by Kelly Stack, seconded by Kelly Hotts. Carried.

Financial Report:

Bank Balances as of
Chequing Account: N/A
Playground Account: N/A

Balances not available tonight. No drastic changes. Heidi will email balances. Waiting on playground bill.

General Business:

Coats for Kids: Kelly Stack presented on behalf of Essex Community Services. There is great demand in the Greater Essex area. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Kelly asked for a box to be set up in the school for drop off. Flyers can be distributed in students' agendas as well as a poster put online. The coats are collected and given out all year. All donations are made to local families. It was asked if coats that needed repair could be donated and they can. Mrs. Meloche mentioned that the board usually participates most years.

PRO Grant Committee Update: Laura asked for updates. Tina Brigley not present but Niki mentioned that the team met and discussed the need for a lot of volunteers for the evening. Two students from EPS went to a forum and they will be asked to participate. Families will rotate through different stations getting stamps on a card as they go. The evening will consist of hands-on learning stations and games. Hand-outs and food samples will be provided. The purpose of the evening is to help parents create healthy eating within their families. A newsletter was sent to Mrs. Meloche from Tina. It was proposed that an RSVP portion be attached to the newsletter. Mrs. Smith reached out to the teachers for help that evening. Mr. Paulton replied to date. Active living will be incorporated with a possible fitness station. There was discussion about possible business contacts who might come in to run these stations (Beachwalk Fitness etc.) Mrs. Meloche suggested using grade eights to stamp cards on this evening.

Lego League Update: Mrs. Savage requested a Lego league last year. It became a robotics club. The club is up and running again this year. Request for (add-on) field kit (\$100 USD) and table (\$80 USD) to be purchased for the club. The table we are currently using is borrowed and it a critical piece for competition. Grades 5-8 are able to participate in the club, but the table could also be used for STEM learning activities for other classes. **Motion to purchase kit and table for approx. USD \$225 made by Amanda Park. Seconded Karen Fedak. Carried.**

Fundraising: Ontario 150 Fresh from the Farm 2017 provides schools the opportunity to sell fresh vegetables/fruit while supporting local growers. 40 % of the profits to school, 50 % back to Ontario farmers. Laura spoke with SAC parent from another school and profits were good (apple sale.) Jody brought up the fact that lifting bags of produce may make distribution a problem. It was asked if this would be instead of Vesey's plant sales. It would be in conjunction with healthy eating evening. It was suggested with all of the other fundraising the school is doing in the upcoming months (i.e. cookie dough etc.) that is would be too much to take on. The group agreed to table it for future consideration.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Meloche shared EQAO results from Spring 2016

Primary Results: Reading 58 % (at provincial grade level standards), Writing 57%, Mathematics 53%. Students demonstrated more positive attitudes towards mathematics than in previous years. Multi-step questions continue to be challenging for students.

Junior Results: Reading 69% (at provincial grade level standards), Writing 65%, Mathematics 44%. Attitudes towards Mathematics improved in the junior division students as well. Visual/spatial problems proved to be challenging at the junior level. Mrs. Meloche shared various student responses to questions she asked them regarding Mathematics and best learning practices (i.e. number talks, feedback on student work, success criteria, using anchor charts etc.)

- Benches and tables are installed in the kindergarten area.
- Playground equipment was resurfaced.
- Thanks to Rotary club for BBQ.
- World Polio Day is Tues. Oct 24 Rotary club raising money for this cause.
- Playground games were painted on playground asphalt.
- Cookie dough fundraising starting up soon (Nov. 1) for arts department (music and drama). They are looking to purchase a curtain for the stage

Vice-Principal's Report:

Very successful (read/walk a thon) fundraiser this year; between \$10-15000 raised (still calculating total). Pizza parties per division and top sellers will be awarded. Ballots were drawn for prizes.

Windsor Spits adopted our school again this year. Tickets will be available throughout the season. (Six seats for every home game) Winners will win tickets through Phoenix Feathers Draw (every Friday draw). A letter will go home to see if families can attend prior to distribution. Leamington Flyers adopted our school as well and gave us a plaque to display. Ticket distribution will follow Spitfire ticket protocol. *Phoenix feathers are given out by any staff members as behavior incentives

Extra curricular:

- Successful season for both the boys and girls' soccer teams. See article on website.
- Volleyball is starting (gr. 6,7,8) this week for grades 6, 7, and 8.
- Intramurals and house leagues have returned to EPS starting with intermediate students. Junior will be starting soon. Games scheduled during nutrition break. All can participate.

Tech:

Twenty new iPads are in circulation. Thank you to council for help with these purchases. Laura asked about WIFI filters and it was assured that although students have access to the internet, filters are in place.

Staff Representative Report:

Reflex Math Program

Mrs. Merlo made a request for a class set of headphones for iPads: 25 students @ \$4/set (\$100). Mr Paulton will need a class set as well pending grant approval.

Motion to purchase 60 sets of head sets @ \$4 James Spring, seconded by Kelly Hotts. Carried.

Drama Club

Funds to rent a large sound board, and extra body mics (\$500) for EPS Christmas production, as well as donations for curtain purchase (approx. \$3000) requested by Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Harris, Mr. Paulton and Mrs. Dobson. It was discussed whether we should buy versus rent extra mics. Over \$1300 between purchases and rentals was given to the Drama department last year. Funds will be raised through the cookie dough fundraiser but donations would be appreciated.

James suggested we wait and make contacts to try and purchase necessary equipment (i.e. sound board). Laura suggested we should wait for the Drama team to complete their fundraiser, and then get a remaining balance to see what they need. Tabled.

New Business:

Amend September minutes to change "French Teacher" to "Madame Hawkins" under French Concert money request (Nov. 22).

Niki asked for SAC volunteers for Nutrition night (Thursday, Nov. 23 6-8 pm). Concerns about sanitation were brought up. Gloves and sanitizer will be provided. Kitchen passes codes. Fridge needs to be turned on if its being used that evening, so notice is required.

Confirmed: Bazzarr is Wednesday, November 29th 8:30 am – 4pm
Set up is Tuesday, November 28th 6-8 pm

Next assembly October 31, 2017 (Halloween) @ 11 am
Laura requested to speak at the assembly.

Date for Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 6 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM made by Dana Brown seconded by Heidi Spring. Carried.