TVA School Council Meeting – March 8, 2016

Regrets: Maria McAnn, Gloria Moor, Sean Moor, Beth Stockford, Chrisann LaFontaine

1) Call to Order by Brenda at 6:32
2) Approval of Minutes – Minutes of January 12, 2016 and November 10, 2015 distributed.
   • MOTION to approve minutes by Samar; SECONDED by Cindy; All Approved ->Minutes of last meeting to be emailed out for approval
3) Treasurer’s Report - Balance $44,360.67; Unallocated Funds balance $20,297.19
   • MOTION to approve by Samar ; SECONDED by Jean; All Approved
4) Elementary Report – Mr. Bisson
   • Staffing – currently occupying 2 classrooms on the secondary side. Plan to move 2 portables to the elementary side which means we will vacate those secondary classes next year. Current registration for French Immersion JK is on track compared to last year at this time but the English registrations are way down; possibly due to the current boundaries for the English program. French Immersion staffing is expected to stay the same. We may be getting a GAINS classroom next year.
   • Student activities coming up; Fl, Windsor Symphony visit, Kids on the Block safety, Chef in Training session 2 starts after march break, Crazy sock day this Friday, Harassment and Bullying presentation to grade 7,8’s.
5) Secondary Report – Mr. Towes
   • Session 2 off to a good start. Opening of new wing with 23 classrooms and some private offices is complete. The last section to be completed is the multi-sport gym. Expected to be up and running after March break. Winter athletics are complete. Girls volleyball won SWOSSA championships. We hosted OFSAA wrestling this past week; successful event with about 870 visiting students. Course selections for next year are complete except for about 30. Staffing is being determined for next year based on those course selections/timetable determinations. STEPS program (Skills to Enhance Personal Success) being added to the secondary side for next year.
6) Elementary Events
   • Norcan – 14 adults and 14 students coming to Vista May 2-4. They will be housed at St.Clair college. Looking for some assistance for evening activities for the visiting kids. 4 of our Vista students will be participating (not yet chosen). Kids are from grade 8-12. Planning 1 adult evening and 1 student evening events. Send any ideas to Paul.
   • Character-a-thon (read-a-thon) - aiming to raise $15,000 – scheduled for April 1st. Need parent volunteers to help count money and process the funds. There are some fun events planned if we meet our goal.
   • Celebration K-12 TVA turned 5 - event held last month
   • Directors Report – available on the school website
   • Math Incentive from Ministry – new program which will be offered to our parents to help parents understand where math is going and how to help our children love to learn math
   • Aviva – received the $5000. Plans are being developed to put the path around the school yard using this money as well as the other funds that have been raised.
   • Online Cash – as of April 1st we will no longer accept cheques. Looking for parents to register for the online payment system.
7) Fun-Fair – Samar – last year the Fun Fair was cancelled due to the construction. Need a vote to decide if we will offer it this year. An alternative is the host a family picnic over the course of a few days. Suggestion to set-up a sub-committee to plan some sort of end of year event. Samar, Jen Cote, Duda, Heidi.

8) GECPIC – Chrisann attended last meeting. Parents encouraged to attend; great information is presented and is valuable for all parents regarding Ministry changes, learning opportunities and Board activities.

9) Elementary Newsletter – emails were gathered but not typed up yet. Jen Cote to put the list together. Samar to get the group together to work on a newsletter.

10) Mind Force - April 30th. Looking for student help especially any students who do not have their 40 hours.

11) New Business
   • Paul – Book talk on resiliency. Only 1 parent and 1 staff member signed up.
   • ProGrant – money needs to be spent this year. Looking for ideas for a presentation for parents. Possibly anxiety, stress, mental health etc.
   • Dance Team – one of the students created an antiseptic spray and looking for support from PAC for advertising. Proceeds to go towards the dance team.

12) Adjourned 7:56