

**BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017 @ 6:00PM
MINUTES**

Present: Jodi Baldwin, Brett Bartle, Darlene Schwann, Victoria DiBiase, Amy Huestis, Tanya Bradley, Dave Strudwick, April Gennings, Jamie Campbell, Michael Giffen, Melissa Mortimer, Helena Broad, Christy Strodthoff, Donna Caissie, Jennifer Smallwood, Jennifer Ballard, Kelly Cox
Regrets: Cheryl McNally, Lyenne Dunlop

Welcome & Introductions

- Chairs welcome everyone and introduce any new attendees – Helena Broad new – introductions made
- Agenda and the view last meetings minutes online

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- Note and approve any changes – motion to approve by Victoria seconded by Lyenne
- Introduction of all attendees

Treasurer Report

- AV system paid – except for last pmt of just under \$10000.

Teachers Report

- No teacher member present

Principals Report

- Treaties recognition week – nov 5-11. One change that all schools are making will be the addition of the following paragraph for all morning announcements. “SCDSB acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional lands of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect”. This will be added to assemblies as well as graduation ceremonies etc.
- 2 remembrance day assemblies – 9:30 JK-grade 4, 1045 grade 5-8. Poppy field art work will be out in the front blvd. again this year.
- Parking lot – pilons out over by recycling bins – staff is out and visible and helping to navigate through parking lot. They would also like to create an information update to people to guide through parking lot to ensure a nice clean flow. Still aiming to have children dropped off by

recycle bins and moving on. Community police officer to be here Wednesday morning if schedule allows him.

- Progress reports – out this Friday. Next report card in February. There is a ‘revised strategic priorities’ from the board. This is the plan going forward. Parents encouraged to come in and see their child’s teacher for the interviews
- Office protocols and confidentiality – two FT staff in office – extremely busy. The staff’s roles are extremely busy – please pay attention to times we are requesting their assistance s/a first thing in the morning. Confidentiality – Children visiting the office to be ‘redirected’ – please keep in mind the confidential conversations that may be occurring at this time.

Updates to Old Business

- Little Caesar’s – Jodi – went well. We raised \$1855. Sold 371 units total and then received 7 pizza kits which went to Mrs. Whites class for the prize. Selling over 200, we get one pepperoni and one crazy bread - ? sell them off ? \$200 used for random draws – this would take us to \$1726 total profit. Pizza to arrive November 15. Jodi would recommend this again but the collaboration between council, teachers and administration would need to improve
- Ladies night – Brett – We have 66 vendors – Christy did a great job getting vendors. April has 15 donations from local businesses. With Vendor tables, table rentals profits so far = \$2650. Still need volunteers 6:30-close. Classroom baskets aren’t as popular this year – extension has been made until Wednesday. Had \$300 for basket budget – Brett picked up kids telescope/microscope for \$40 and frozen basket, star wars basket and an adult colouring = \$120 has been used therefore we still have \$180 available. Grade 8’s hosting café – BP donating pizza, maple diner donating their award winning chili, Foodland and Timmy’s. This will run from 4-7.
- Boston pizza school lunch – Victoria
- 12 days of Christmas – Victoria – challenges were delivered to Worsley and St. Noel last week. We are awaiting to hear back from them. Jamie had CTV reach out and information was sent to them. ? 97.7 offering dance to leading school.
- Movie night – Cheryl/Lyenne – Friday Dec 8. Elf. There will be a save the date asking the kids to wear Christmas pj’s – Grade 8’s selling popcorn and concessions that night – Wojik will be manning that.
- Spirit wear quotes – Cheryl/Jodi – goal for selling: spirit. Jodi got a quote from Grafitti Art in Midland - \$10/pc for moisture wick shirts – regular tshirt \$8. There will be a screening fee. For names on the side, \$5 each. All colours are available. Scrap EmbroidMe. Maybe look into SouthPaw? ? wait until after Christmas to proceed with this. Goal right now: spirit wear for dunes packs – can we talk with these companies re more options? Jane from Ladybug designs does embroidery, iron on transfers. So is Kemery Ann Designs which is a parent of ours.

New Business

- Wed nov 15 7-9 – Dr. Marcia Benjamin – CCI holding a session for substance abuse for youth addiction – opening up to school councils awa all grade 8 parents. Jodi asking that admin photo copy and hand out to all grade 8's – awa on website and announcements. Is it an RSVP for numbers
- PIC Connections meeting – Parent Involvement Committee at the Board. Victoria went and reports it is good to meet with other parent council members. Our area representative is interested in connecting with our council. Also good information re grants.
- Program that would be interesting for Mr. Carson – called 'Rocks and Rings' – amazing program – kids love it. AKA Kids Curling. Company comes in and rotates kids through gym introducing them to different activities. Only \$250 for the entrie day – 7-9 sessions in one day – 30 kids per session. We have a total of 28 classrooms including K. \$205 + tax plus \$8 to wasaga. Brett votes we put \$1000 on the table for this to include all children in the school, David seconds. Vote has been approved by all members present – 8 in total.
- Mr Carson brought this initiative up as well. 'The believe initiative' founder Sarah Wells – Olympic hurdler. Starts with keynote address and continues t/o the whole year. Teacher resources provided – follows a curriculum to continue the believe message t/o. Cost to visiting the entire school awa school is \$1000. We can ask Mr. Carson to come in and talk about this and possibly look at it for the upcoming year.
- Fundraising plan 2017/2018 – would like a 'Beautify Birchview' committee to concentrate on new things like signs and what we would look for. Brett Bartle, Darlene Schwann, Amy, Tanya, Jamie, Jennifer, Victoria.
- Library - \$3762.90 for completing the wall. This can be tabled until the next meeting.
- Grade 8's – popcorn is going to grad.
- Other fundraising ideas: Card creating – indoor yard sale.

Adjournment at 1928. Motioned by Victoria and seconded by Dave.

Next meeting: December 4, 2017