

Walpole North Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting held: October 23rd, 2017 at 6pm.

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mrs. Clara Anderson (Principal), Mrs. Teresa Gallea (Teacher Representative), Katrina Visser, Jill Reichheld, Jamie Mattice, Alisha Fernandes, Anglea Bunner, Heather Smuck, Heather Martin, Jenny DeWaard, Danielle Munro and Mike London.

COPY TO: Jamie Tate (School Secretary) and Parent Council's Bulletin Board

The Meeting started at 6:00pm in the Library. Last meetings minutes were approved by Alisha Fernandes and seconded by Katrina Visser. Today's Agenda was approved by Jill Reichheld and seconded by Jenny DeWaard.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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| -Snack/Nutrition Program \$ 5206.52 | -Harvest Dinner \$ -129.58 |
| -Fundraising (P.O.W.) \$ 976.74 | -Hot Lunch \$ 10,084.40 |
| -Playground \$ 2301.11 | |

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- Roots of Empathy has begun. It will be directed towards the grade 7 class, instead of Kindergarten grades. Suggestion made to look into having elderly visits in future.
- WW2 Veteran coming to school November 7th at 9:30, to speak to grades 3-8 about his experiences in the War.
- Strong Start has begun, mostly organized for Kindergarten aged children and up to grades 1 and 2 if needed.
- Student voice will include grades 7 and 8 this year. Committee will work on social projects, school dances, fundraising for their trips, spirit days, etc.
- PD Day was spent analyzing Math data (EQAO, etc.)

TEACHERS REPORT:

- Remembrance Day Service will happen November 8th with visit from Hagersville Legion.
- As Parkview Meadows has not received the students well last 2 times the children have gone, it was decided to not attend this year. Instead the teachers will organize the parade for parents to come see all the customs, starting at 11:45am. They will also organize a dance for all grades: 1st block for grades JK-2, 2nd block for grades 3-5 and 3rd block for grades 6-8.
- Heaslip Ford asked Walpole to contribute to their Food Drive, therefore we are currently accepting donations from now until October 31st. Top class will get a pizza party. We will also be doing our annual Food Drive in December, however this year the children will create an object out of the food/items gifted in their own class rooms. Again, the class with the most donations will get a pizza party.

Motion: Heather Smuck/Jill Reichheld

To "give" \$5 per student to each teacher for them to spend on classroom educational props., etc. All agreed.

HOT LUNCH:

- The nutritional guidelines for both Godfathers Pizza and Subway were brought forward for comparison. White dough and bread is very similar in grams of fat, carbs, sugar, salt, etc. to whole wheat. It would be nice to give the kids the option of white or whole wheat considering they are so similar in nutritional value. Mrs. Anderson will speak with the board and ask if they can update the Nutritional Guidelines they introduced over 6 years ago, taking into consideration similar between the two grains.

FUNDRAISING:

- Jarvis Fire Department has contacted the school for helpers in their annual car wash; with the donations going back to our school. Will discuss at future meetings. Car Wash isn't scheduled until the spring.

- Sign Night brochures to come home this week. All interested parties are to contact Heather Martin directly, so as not to put extra work on school staff.

- A fundraising committee for the playground has been decided. All persons welcome to join. The first meeting will be November 27th at 6p.m. We will review different playground sets and make proposal to Parent Council.

- Letter was prepared for review by Council for local Businesses and Organizations. Suggestion made for some rewording, also for mention of letter to be made in next monthly newsletter so that parents can provide the school with names of businesses they would be willing to contact for donations.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING:

- January 15

Meeting adjourned.