

ST. GEORGE-GERMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: , Shelley Beatty, Lisa Lee, Tracy Vanderwal, Cheryl Hewitson, Kim Sinko, Joanne Brooks

STAFF PRESENT: Thadeus Zebroski, Sandy Beedham

REGRETS:

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Shelley called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Tracy moved to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Sandy.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Sandy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Cheryl.

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Principal's Update

(a) Pending Staff changes:

There is a .5 prep position opening with the departure of A. Roberts. Position posting has been updated, and interviews will be forthcoming.

A half time Secretary position left vacant by the departure of M. Banner, will be filled (starting November 1st), by Stephanie Rylands.

(b) Basketball net renovations are partially done but not completed. Facilities Supervisor has changed, and Mr. Zebrowski is trying to follow up with the new manager, as things have already been approved. Money has been put aside (from Dance a thon profits) for wood chips for around the tables.

(d) School Plans:

Staff have been busy putting together School Plans. Focus will be on both a) Safe Inclusive School, and b) Mathematics. Plans, devised using school data, under the supervision of Adam Walker, were drafted last Spring, and reviewed again this Fall. Plans will be put to the school board for approval, and then implemented. An Art Therapist will come to do some workshops around feelings at a cost of around \$1000. Olivia, our Health Nurse, is willing to come in as a resource as well. She has recommended bringing a program to the Community called Parents Staying Positive, as well as some musical Drumming workshops with a focus on mindfulness.

4.2 Vice Principal's Update

Tom Holmes passed on his regrets, as he is sick with a cold.

4.3 Teacher Representative Update

(a) Sports

We have had a great start to the year with several of our teams, and individual runners doing very well at various events.

b) Inspired Choir has started.

c) Ed Tech has also started.

d) The Christmas concert will be held this year at the Sanderson Centre, with a \$5 ticket cost. Change of venue will give adequate seating, and professional lights and sound. Tentative date is booked for Tuesday, December 12th, 2017. Will look at dates, and consider other local activities (eg. hockey, skating and the Preschool Concert), as the concert will include students up to Grade 2-3 we will try to avoid nights involving students of this level, as best we can. A possible move to Thursday, December 14th may be necessary. Starting time was discussed, and tentatively considered for 6:45pm.

4.4 Community Representative Update

Meet the teacher Sept 28th was a great success. They were completely sold out of food and drinks. The Lions Club has donated \$1000 from the profits to the school.

The annual Turkey Raffle is coming up on December 13th, and tickets will be sold soon. Turkey gift certificates will come from Zehrs this year, as FoodTown unfortunately does not have store gift certificates.

The Lions Quest workshop has been postponed until Spring, due to lack of enrollment by teachers (despite the fact the workshop cost is being covered). After some discussion, it was felt that the sparse enrollment may be due to lack of funds available for schools to provide classroom Supply Teacher coverage. Cheryl will take this information back to the Lions. Currently two teachers from St. George-German, are waiting to attend.

4.5 Treasurer's Report

October:

Balance as of August 30, 2017 – \$7681.69

2016/2017 - \$1000.00 allocated for Graduation

Current Balance Forward (minus allocated funds): \$6681.69

5. New Business/Discussion

5.1 Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher night was well attended. Great turn out for the food booth. The book fair was very busy. Freezies did not sell as well as hoped (\$55 worth), possibly due to weather or selling location. There are lots left over for the Fun Fair.

5.2 Secretary

Our new secretary will be Joanne Brooks.

Lisa's email is: chairsgg2@outlook.com

Shelley's email is: sggscouncil@hotmail.com

Joanne's email is: twobrooksgirls@gmail.com

5.3 Insurance

School Council Insurance renewal is November 1. This is liability insurance to cover things that aren't covered by school board insurance (like our Fun Fair), as well as School Council members. Cost is \$140.00/council for the year. Joanne made a motion to purchase the Insurance. Seconded by Kim Sinko

5.4 Spirit Wear

Someone needs to take over the Spirit Wear from Darielle. \$269.00 worth of wear was purchased(ordered) at Meet the Teacher night and approximately \$100 after. This is not really a money making enterprise. We have \$1878.00 worth of merchandise in stock, and our stock is really never depleting. It is often necessary to top up orders when we put them in, to meet the minimum and make our new orders cheaper. A possible switch to an online ordering system, where parents access and pay for their orders, and then items are directly shipped to their home, may make

more sense going forward. Tom Holmes has some knowledge of this online system, and we will look into it further. Sandy will bring up having a Spirit Wear day with staff. A sale of discounted merchandise may help to reduce stock.

5.5 Fundraising

Focus for fundraising will be on the Kindergarten Pen and Primary area (up hill)

Playground:

Further investigating will be done as per options for both.

Halford Playground Solutions (the company who did work at the Preschool next door) has provided a quote for an Astro turf project in the pen. Mr. Zebrowski sent pictures and sizes, and Halford has sent back drawings and components that are options for in the pen. Each aspect has a separate fee. Basic items would cost approximately \$18 225.00 +tax (removal of large stones, Astro turf install, and concrete bike path) and specialty items can be custom designed and added as we wish at a per item fee. Full design as they have specified, costs around \$50 000.00+tax. Items would need to have board approval before they can be installed. Mr. Zebrowski will look into finding out which items from the list meet board specs.

5.1.1 Fun Fair:

We need to confirm a date – possibly May 10. Cheryl will check with the Lions Club to be sure they are available, to provide the Food Booth.

5.1.2 Chocolates:

We have narrowed down 2 choices for companies selling chocolates, Laura Secord, and La Montagne. The campaign will run for 2-3 weeks, with pick up possibly during interviews. Preference is for peanut free chocolates. We will look into this further.

5.1.5 Grilled Cheese Days:

Makes about \$300 per time. Relatively easy, and well received. We may do this on a more regular basis.

5.1.6 Broom Ball/Goal Ball Tournament:

Mr. Zebrowski did some checking regarding board policy regarding broom ball. The many Board requirements put this out of reach as a possible fundraiser. Goal Ball was suggested as an alternative. The school already has the required equipment. It can be done in the gym, and is a way to promote inclusion of disabilities in our school. We will look into this further, with a possible Feb-Mar date.

5.1.8 Gardens

Mrs. Healey was inquiring about putting a butterfly garden in the flower bed outside her classroom window. We will see if the local garden club is interested in helping us with our flower beds. It is late in the season, and hopefully something can be arranged for spring. We must keep in mind the guidelines of the school board, regarding types of plants allowed to be planted, when planting, as well as conserving water.

Other Fundraising items will be tabled until next meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on December 5, 2017.

7. Adjournment

Shelley adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.