R.F. Downey School Council Meeting

Monday, October 28, 2019

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Barb Bloom, Adam Brand, Heather Brand, Kelly Grant, Debbie Halstead, Aaron Huizinga, Tracey Johnston, Becky Smith

**Regrets:**

**Guest**:

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| **Agenda Item** | **Decision/Action Taken** | **Person(s)**  **Responsible** |
| Welcome and  introductions | Call to order at 6:36pm | Kelly Grant |
| Review and approval of  agenda | Aaron moved that the Agenda be accepted. Becky seconded the motion. CARRIED | Kelly Grant |
| Approval of Minutes | Heather moved that the Agenda be accepted. Aaron seconded the motion. CARRIED | Kelly Grant |
| Council Chair Report | Nothing to report since I just started as chair. Please call or email me with any ideas/suggestions any time. | Kelly Grant |
| Financial Update | We brought in $718 from Fresh from Farm, plus there are still a few late orders to be deposited. We’ve paid $430.80, so profit will be just over $287.  Net proceeds from dance-a-thon was $1895.30  As of Oct 28/19, the total balance is $12,449.84, and included in that is $5,559 in the fundraising account.  We will discuss the budget next month.  Last year we didn’t use Eco Fund or garden club funds, we donated food instead of contributing $ to food bank, only did 2 scientists visits instead of the 3 that were budgeted | Heather Brand |
| Principals  Report | JK & SK are doing more outdoor learning, want to build an outdoor mud kitchen, a sound wall and tractor tires for climbing.  Nov 8 is when progress reports go home, date to be set for parent – teacher interviews.  Breakout boxes have been paid for this year.  EQAO – we did well overall. Did well with English. Math went down 20%, but not able to identify a reason why, the kids who went down were capable of doing better  Festive lunch is on Wed Dec 18/19 – it will be a hot lunch again this year (probably for the last time) | Barb Bloom |
| Teacher’s Report | Kids went to cross country and had fun, one student in gr 4 made it to KPREAA  Girls and boys rugby was at Beavermeade. Girls won 3 out of 5 games, boys won 1 game.  Ms L is going to come to a parent council meeting to discuss STEM club. | Ms Johnston |
| Business Arising | Voting members for this year’s parent council include all those in attendance tonight (see above).  Non-voting members include Melanie Foster and Jenn Brimsmead. | Kelly Grant |
| New Business | PIC conference – was on Oct 19 in Port Hope, key note speaker was Dr Michael Ungar, who was great, there were lots of handouts from community organizations, although many were from Durham area  For fundraising:  We are looking at a vendor sale (maybe in Dec, maybe before Mother’s Day), $40/table x 25 vendors min = $1,000, go towards class trips – to be organized by Debbie  Dance-a-thon or Year End Fun Fair – will go towards a sign for the school – will plan in new year  Bookfair and baskets – bookfair raises credits for books, basket raffle proceeds will go towards some sports equipment (last year they raised $580) – Kelly will put together baskets, Barb will get the teachers going, and will check dates for book fair with Scholastic  Xmas Ornament sales are done by teachers for a class trip | Aaron Huizinga  Group discussion |
| Adjournment | Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm |  |

Next Meeting: (tentatively) Mon Nov 25/19