



St. Clements Parent Council Meeting from Tuesday April 3, 2018

General Meeting

Attending: Dan Ingoldsby, Kathleen Kirby, Caitlin Barton, Pam Koebel, Tina Henhoeffler, Stacey Mayer, Jen Rothfischer, Ornella Martin, Becky Strauss, Natascha Martin

Regrets: Cory Becker and Lori Martin

HAPPY EASTER!

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Prayer was for Autism week and is included in these notes to share with everyone;

A Prayer of St. Francis for Autism

by Tim Tucker

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow;
that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate;
that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome;
that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort;
that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer;
that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts;
that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness;
and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.

O Giver of These Gifts,

grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure;

to be praised, as to praise;

to be accepted, as to accept;

for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;

it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,

and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.

Amen.

2. PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant

- “Ontario's PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement, human rights and equity, and well-being.”

*Information taken from the PRO Grant website, <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML>

- Jen will forward past information, applications and passwords to Caitlyn for this year.
- Potential ideas include; Umbrella symbolism, each ribbon on an umbrella symbolizes different things like empathy, kindness, resiliency etc. A potential speaker for this topic is Jen Forestell.
- Another idea is a speaker regarding Google and its uses in the classroom
- Would like to also revisit a topic regarding the Internet

3. Agendas

- New covers were chosen today for the 2018/2019 school year.
- It was asked if JK/SK's could have agenda books to help keep communication to and from home and school in one central location. Older grades write the notes in their agenda books on their own where JK/SK students may not be able to do so and creates a difficult time for teachers to write notes for so many children each day. It would also be potentially be difficult for new JK and or SK to adapt to so many new routines when beginning school to have another routine for agendas added to their day, plus the added weight to their school bags each day.
- JK/SK teachers send home paper newsletters each month with information of what is going on in the classroom and upcoming events.

4. Principal Update

- A) *Multicultural Day feedback*: The kids liked that it was fellow students as guest speakers instead of adults. Great message was received and questions were asked and answered well. JK-Grade 3 the passports were a big hit! The kids all enjoyed the speakers and the new food. Grade 4 and Up enjoyed that day and took a lot of information in. The day was a success and will do it again next year!
- B) *Traffic*: Dan contacted the Region and is still awaiting a reply. Would like to have the road repainted at the cross walk and suggest having flashing lights for the cross walk and having the speed limit dropped to 40 km/hr. May need to start an awareness campaign contacting the Region, our trustees, the police etc to raise awareness that speeding around our school is a concern for safety.
- C) *Yearbook*: Tax receipts were issued this year for businesses who donated to the yearbook last year.
- D) *Budget*: We have over \$11,000.
- All teachers will benefit from the increased classroom budget .
 - There has been 1 new request for a classroom air conditioning system
 - Dan is interest in purchasing canopy tents for the school
 - Ideas discussed included the possibility of a 3D printer for the school
 - Kathleen and Dan will discuss at the next staff meeting with all the teachers, ideas they have to improve the school or their classrooms, ie: a camera in the classroom, a printer in the classroom etc.

-Would like to try and revive interest in having a chess club at the school. We have all the necessary equipment needed.

5. May 2018 Fundraiser- To be held during Education Week in May.

- Date is **Tuesday May 8, 2018**
- Running Time would be **5:00pm-7:00pm**
- Recommendations for fundraiser include:
 - i. BBQ- Hamburg/Drink Combo, HotDog/Drink Combo
 - ii. Themed gift basket raffle draw- Each classroom to pick a theme and make up a gift basket (donations from home). Kathleen will discuss with fellow staff members
 - iii. 'Roulette' Wheel- Stacey rented the wheel in the past from ABC rentals. Each spot was a winner. May offer some bigger prizes than others. Dan will also order some spirit wear and possibly water bottles to have as prizes as well.
 - iv. Cake Walk Auction/Draw- Recommended for this year to have it in an air-conditioned room. Grade 7 class would make the cakes
 - v. Candy Kabobs – Big seller with the kids

Mark your Calendars:

Next meeting set for Tuesday May 1st at 6:30pm to discuss details of the fundraiser.

Tuesday June 5th at 6:30pm will be the last parent council meeting before summer break.

Minutes were prepared by Pam Koebel. Please inform Pam Koebel of any errors or omissions within five business days of receipt or the minutes shall be deemed correct as recorded.