

ECOLE JOHN WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Council Meeting September 17, 2019

In Attendance: Lisa Al-Hoffmann, Laura McGregor, Mel Helton, Melissa Dudley, Trisha Osborne, Andrea Meding, Angela Warke, Trudy Henry, Craig Nelson, Tylee Heppler, Erin Day, Cassie Stewart, Kristen Kronebusch & Holly Bilton

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.
 2. Mel Helton made a motion to adopt the May 21, 2019 meeting minutes with Andrea Meding seconding the motion.
 3. Additions/Approval of the Agenda – Laura McGregor has an addition as well as Constable Nelson would like to speak about parking.
 4. Administrative Report – There is no administrative report at this time, however there will be one at the October 2019 meeting.
- Angela Warke asked for feedback regarding the Back to School BBQ. Some comments that had were perhaps it should be held on another day instead of a Friday before a long weekend, and that having the order switched to dropping off supplies first and then attending the BBQ was a much better system.
 - At the School Council table, there were 26 comments made and put in the bucket such as comments & complaints about parking, some parents didn't even realize we had a parent council, and a few parents offered to volunteer. It was agreed up that we would set up a table again next year in the same spot as the front office was the best place so that everyone was able to see us.
 - Angela Warke introduced the Acting Vice Principal Trudy Henry.
 - A Welcome Back Assembly was held on September 3rd to welcome all students back after summer and emphasize safety.
 - There are 2 classes of Pre-K this year.
 - Picture day was held on September 17th and 18th.
 - The Terry Fox Run was held on September 19, with all campuses. Younger students ran inside the fence perimeter and the Middle School ran on the outside.
 - The first celebration assembly will be held on September 27th at 11:15am as well as it is Orange Shirt Day that day.
 - There will be a Parent Society Meeting in October
5. Constable Nelson was on hand to speak about the possible parking issues and concerns both from parents and staff. He was also able to speak regarding the legality of enforcing the parking bylaws posted on the parent loop signs and what he is able to accomplish in his role. It was decided that for the meantime a letter will be sent home to all parents with the diagram of the school and parking lots to reinforce what and how our parking system is supposed to work. As well, Constable Nelson will try to make his presence known and educate parents as to how we can all make the system work more efficiently. Some concerns that were brought forth were:
 - It hard to either pickup or drop off their child in the parent loop as some parents are not using it as it was intended.
 - The crosswalks around the school being very busy and drivers are not always paying attention.
 - Parking availability elsewhere when parents must come into the school.

6. Fundraiser Ideas – An idea that was brought forth from the suggestion box at the Back to School BBQ was to organize an Art Sale and sell the paintings/sketches at Christmas time. The art would be done by our students and linked to the artist that they are currently studying. We would try this with 2 grades to start at first and see how things progress from there. Angela Warke will speak to Mrs. Nelson about the feasibility of this and let us know if it can be done.
 - 6.5 – Laura McGregor would like to make a motion to take \$340 out of the hot lunch account to balance out her year end accounts as they are a little shy due to costs such as extra transportation. Lisa Al-Hoffmann motions to approve this and Tylee Heppler seconds with all in favor.
7. Fall Fundraiser – Catalogues will be sent home October 1st, 2019 and need to be back with orders completed by parents on October 15th, 2019. Delivery is expected the first week of December and orders will be available (tentatively) on December 2nd and 3rd to be picked up from 3pm to 6pm.
8. Subway & Sunshine & Pizza Coordinators –
 - Subway will continue to be Amanda Spotswood Knock
 - Sunshine Blends will be Tylee Heppler again
 - Pizza is Kristen Kronebusch. She will be doing the monthly pizza order as well as Toonie Pizza on the first and last Monday of each month starting at the end of January. There will be 4 stations will require a total of 8 volunteers, however the Grade 4 students could also help with handing out pizza.
 - On a side note, hot lunch volunteers will begin to wear the volunteer t-shirts provided as well as lanyards or clips to make them easily identifiable to staff while they are in the school.
9. App Ideas – Our current app has been cancelled so we are looking for another one that is user friendly and cost efficient. After discussing possible apps (Team Snap and Sign up Genius) and cost, Andrea Meding makes a motion to use up to \$200 to pay for a new volunteer app so we can start to sign up volunteers right away. Erin Day seconds the motion.
10. Halloween Dance – Yes or no? It was decided that we would do something different this year as finding a date to hold the dance was running into numerous scheduling issues, so instead we will have a Snowball dance in January. Erin Day will co-organize this, and the tentative date is set for January 24th. We also decided to do a Halloween movie in the SGA on November 4th or 5th.
11. Inline Skating – Alien Inline has offered to hold a family evening where parents can come and skate with their children if we are interested. Everyone in attendance thought this was a wonderful idea and Angela Warke will bring more information about this to our next meeting.
12. Meeting Ideas – We will discuss this at the October meeting.
13. Recycling and Box – Amy Heintz will continue to volunteer her time to do this for us. Erin Day will provide back up for her.
14. Open Questions and Comments – Lisa Al-Hoffmann brought forth the idea that we should communicate to parents why we continue to do Fall Fundraiser each year and how we benefit from it. Also, a text message should be sent out to all parents to remind them to “opt in” and remind them about parking and the rules they should be following.
15. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm and Tylee Heppler made a motion to pay the babysitters (Thomas Ethan and Olivia Bergeron) for one and a half hours. This was seconded by Mel Helton.