

Walpole North Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting held: September 25th, 2017 at 6pm.

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mrs. Clara Anderson (Principal), Mrs. Teresa Gallea (Teacher Representative), Katrina Visser, Jill Reichheld, Jamie Mattice, Cathy Gibson, Alisha Fernandes, Anglea Bunner, Barb Willis, Heather Smuck and Heather Martin

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

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

ELECTIONS:

- Katrina Visser has asked to step down as Parent Council President. No nominations have been received so we will run without a Chair for the time being. Will discuss at next meeting.
- Jill Reichheld nominated for Secretary; position accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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| -Snack/Nutrition Program \$ 5547.98 | -Harvest Dinner \$147.37 |
| -Fundraising Monday \$976.74 | -Hot Lunch \$8473.18 |
| -Playground \$2301.11 | |

TEACHERS REPORT:

- First Walpole North Assembly this Friday.
- Terry Fox run this Thursday at 1:30pm; parents welcome.
- Teachers are requesting we add a section on forms requesting parents to write down confirmation number when ordering items on line; as there is confusion when knowing whether or not the parent has paid on line.
- Book Fair was a success; \$1780.00 brought in which results in \$850.00 worth of new books for library.
- Teachers would love if the Snack Program could start earlier in the year. We would need to have an earlier parent council meeting, as well as organizing of volunteers; we will try for an earlier start next year.
- Primary grades would like to go to the Old Age Home for Halloween; Mrs. Keenan to organize. This will be for all children from grades JK to Grade 3.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- Excellent start to the year. Brenda Blancher visited on the first day. The pictures were featured on the board website along with a write-up.
- We have 257 students which is up 16 from last year. Same number of classes. New teacher is Ms. Diane Henrique and EA for the year is Miss Waldbrook. All other staff remain the same.
- Soccer has started up. Tournament is next week.
- Safety Patrols have been trained there were 24 students registered for training.

- EQAO report was made public last week. <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/results/Pages/results.aspx>.
- School Website is new, more user friendly so we will be posting more there once we get staff trained on it.
- All staff were trained on the PD day in Behaviour Management Systems, our first aider was trained in Fentanyl emergency response, one intermediate teacher is being trained in ASSIST for suicide awareness and prevention.
- Most staff PD Days this year will be focused on Math.
- Drainage was done over the summer; grass is starting to grow. Some of the ceiling was replaced. Washrooms and two classrooms were painted.

FUNDRAISING:

- Dielmans will start October 6th and run until the 20th; product will be delivered to the school November 27th.
- Little Caesar's will start this week and be due back early October. Product will be delivered October 30th. We will be doing another Little Caesar's fundraiser in the spring as well.
- Bag 2 School- Mrs. Gallea to organize again this year, however we will do it earlier in the spring (early April).
- Family Dance will be in February again, will discuss details at later meetings.
- Suggestion to do a Pancake breakfast during first lunch on Shrove Tuesday. Will discuss further.

PLAYGROUND:

- Fundraising committee will include Jill Reichheld, Heather Martin and Katrina Visser. This committee will organize fundraising events for the new playground equipment. More people welcome!!!
- We will get some quotes for different sized equipment and vote on which we would like for our school at next meeting.
- Need a template letter prepared for distribution to the Walpole Alumuni, local Service Providers, and parents of the schools Employers asking for donations.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- October 23
- December 4
- January 15
- March 26
- May 7 (final at D&D's)- to start at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned.