

Walpole North Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting held: January 15th, 2018 at 6pm.

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mrs. Clara Anderson (Principal), Katrina Visser, Jill Reichheld, Jamie Mattice, Alisha Fernandes, Heather Martin, Jenny DeWaard, Danielle Munro and Stacey Mitchell.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

-Snack/Nutrition Program \$ 4539.77	-Harvest Dinner \$ -129.58
-Fundraising (P.O.W.) \$ 3628.45	-Hot Lunch \$ 12,665.35
-Playground \$ 10,682.11	

Motion by Jill Reichheld & Heather Martin:

to "move" \$5000.00 from the Hot Lunch account to the Playground Fundraising account. All agreed.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- School trip for Grades 4-8 to go Tubing at Chicopee, as well as participate in a Lacrosse session where the kids will be taught about the history/cultural of lacrosse. He will spend an hour with each classroom.

- Kindergarten registration is currently on going.

-Initiatives ongoing in the school include the following:

SKIP- 3 classes enrolled, Henrique, Sharp, Miller. Students visit seniors at the seniors' home or the seniors day program. Together they play games, try STEM challenges, share stories, etc.

STEM- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Grades JK/SK and Grade 1 work together, Grade 3-4 do the activity first and make the package for the FDK and Grade 1. Students work together in groups to solve a challenge.

SWAT- Students Working to Advance Technology. Currently the Grade 6 and 7 SWAT members are learning to Code using a program called SCRATCH. Students are creating games that other students can play. They help teachers and students with computer problems, help people learn how to use and program computers, create games, and websites.

GRANTS:

- We received \$250 from the GPIC grant. The money will go towards a "Wellness Evening" in April. We are currently looking for a Yoga instructor who would provide a session for the students during the day, and an evening session for visitors.

- We are applying for the CPIC grant this month. We are hoping to use the money for new audio/visual equipment in the gym. We will be applying for \$8000.

FUNDRAISING:

-A Family Dance will take place on Friday, February 16th from 6:30-8:30. Cost will be \$25 per family in advance and will include 1 large pizza. Cost of \$10 per family in advance without pizza and cost of \$15 per family at the door. We will sell slices, water, juice boxes, glow sticks, chips and sour keys thru kitchen window. We will also have a 50/50 draw during the dance.

-Playground fundraising committee will be holding a "Mother's Day Raffle" in April. We will sell tickets, with a grand prize of \$500 in gift card of winners choice, \$100 movie and dinner gift card for second and a third place prize of \$50 at Timmies. Mrs. Anderson to apply for lottery license and Heather Martin to organize with help from Ms. Tate.

NUTRTION PROGRAM:

-Katrina can no longer be coordinator of the Nutrition Program, although she can still help with ordering of fruits and vegetables, etc. Jenny DeWaard has agreed to take on the coordinator role, which involves the organizing of snacks, shopping for groceries and organizing volunteers.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING:

- March 26th at 6pm in library.

Meeting adjourned.