



SES Council

STONECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Working together to prepare our children for their futures

MINUTES

Tuesday April 10, 2018

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Stonecrest Library

Notes taken by Jennifer Mulligan, Secretary

Attendees

Parent Volunteers

Trish Larwill, Kirsten Cox, Jennifer Mulligan, Libby McCarden, Shannon Cuddihey, Sarah Simkin

School Staff

Wally Stagg, Diane Farrell, Dorothy Zuber, Lisa Dolan

Principal Report – Diane Farrell

- There is an IPRC meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 25th.
- There is P.A. Day Friday April 27th.
- The spring band concert will be held on April 24th at 2:45 pm for students and again at 7:00 pm for parents.
- The volunteer appreciation breakfast/van and bus driver appreciation breakfast will be on Tuesday May 15th from 9 am until 10 am – an invitation will be sent to all school council members.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will run May 7 – 11. Parent volunteers are needed, particularly Wednesday May 9th from 4:00 pm – 6:45 pm (which is also the opening night of the Mulan performance). Volunteers may also possibly be needed for Thursday May 10th from 4:00 pm – 6:45 pm.
- The grade 6 musical testing night will be May 15th at 6:30 pm.
- Kindergarten registration night in the kindergarten classrooms will be May 23rd from 6:30 until 7:30 pm. There is going to be a slight change in the format these are done.

- The kindergarten spring concert will be on June 5th at 6:00 pm.
- The grade 8 leaving ceremony will be in the gymnasium on Wednesday June 27th at 2:30 pm. The awards will also be handed out then.
- EQAO (grades 3 and 6) during the week of May 23 – 31. Parents are encouraged not to make any appointments during this time for their child.
- The week of April 9 – 13 is Me2We spirit week. As part of this students and staff are encouraged to wear pink on the Wednesday to raise awareness for bullying. On the Thursday, students are being asked to wear jerseys in memory of the Humboldt Broncos, or if they do not have jerseys something that is green and/or gold.
- The Inuit games continue April 18th and 19th.
- There is a para sport event on April 20th and 23rd for grades 3, 7 and 8 classes.
- The school climate survey has been sent out to parents.
- Staffing is ongoing. The numbers of students are down from last year. Last year there was 40.18 FTE and this will go down to 37.20 FTE.

Teachers Report – Marcy Storms

Kindergarten Report

- Our Annual Kindergarten Concert will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30pm in the gym.
- We will once again be creating a kindergarten art gallery in the front entryway of the school. It will coincide with our concert.
- Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Wednesday May 23rd. This year the format will change from previous years--parents are to bring their child and there will be centres set up in the kindergarten classrooms for them to visit.

Primary Report

- participating in Inuit Games on April 18 & 19
- Grade 3s are participating in Paralympic sport games on April 20 (with Todd Nicholson)
- planning end of year field trips

Junior

- Grade 5 students are going to the Museum of History on April 18th to enhance the Social Studies curriculum.
- Grade 6 families are being asked to donate cakes for the 3rd and final Cake Raffle on April 23.
- Junior students will be participating in Reel Canada's National Canadian Film Day on April 19. We will be watching a selection of short films created by Indigenous film-makers with tie ins to social studies, language and the arts.
- Eli El-Chantiry just came to talk with the Grade 5 students about Municipal government

Intermediate

- Intermediate students will go to Carleton U's Raven Sports camp on May 24th
- Parasport for intermediates April 20 & 23
- Rideauwood presentation April 20
- Leaving Ceremony plans are underway
- Me2We Spirit week is this week - Rafiki sales, Day of Pink (Wednesday) , Kind-O-Gram sales (make sure everyone gets one)
- discussions have begun related to awards at end of year
- Grade 8 Math teachers meeting with Teachers at West Carleton re: preparing for transition, and moderation related to assessment and evaluation of students

Finances/Processes

- The teachers requested \$500 for the leaving ceremony. Quorum approved.
- Jennifer received the invoice for the sound system. The bill was roughly \$14,000. This was paid already.
- The money that was approved for technology and the technology has been ordered but we are still waiting on the Board for invoices.
- Trish said that her and Liliane had been discussing having a Sharepoint site, where teachers could go in and populate what they spend, then Jennifer can go in and see what they spent.
- Trish mentioned that there is currently \$15,500 left to spend this year.

Disbursements

- At the next meeting, we will need to decide where to allocate money.

Fundraising Activities

- Kirsten said that she understand that the Diefenbooker has been providing information to the teachers directly. Kirsten said she heard Stonecrest had one of the better proposals. All of the schools in West Carleton are participating. Trish mentioned she had seen tweets about the number of people signed up for the school, but she wasn't sure the numbers were correct because they were quite low. There is still time to register both online or on the day of the event (May 5th). Diane mentioned that the Mulan practice is also on May 5th (full dress rehearsal). She said she would get in touch with Craig and see if he could switch the time because otherwise that may be holding some people back from registering for the Diefenbunker event.
- Jenn mentioned that she was received an e-mail from the Ontario Equestrian Federation about and OEF Literary Derby. The grade 5 students could choose to write a piece about Standardbred foals and win money for both themselves and their school. Jenn forward this to the teachers.

Health & Safety Initiatives – Grab 'n Go snack program

- Trish asked Sarah if she had any volunteers? Sarah said she did not.
- Sarah said that 496 students participated in March. However, Sarah is not sure this number is accurate because she is not certain that all the kids put a checkmark when they take something.
- Students are supposed to choose an apple first, but can choose something else afterwards if they are still hungry. Sarah said there is a bilingual sign posted.
- Sarah said she is hoping to deter students from just grabbing an apple and throwing out their lunches. Some children do not need the program, but because some children do, it is worth it.
- Sarah said she received an additional \$500 in funding for the program. Sarah said that the program also received a \$1,000 community grant from Walmart so we cannot re-apply for that grant until next February.
- \$150 of parental donations has been put towards this program, but so far no money has been needed from the student council.
- Sarah mentioned that perhaps when we do the anonymous parent survey, we can ask questions about this program, who uses it and what it means to them. Then we can send the results back to the parents.
- Sarah said she may apply to a separate grant to have more robust lunches.

- Diane said that some of the teachers have asked about having the food available in their classrooms, but Diane thinks the office may be the better spot to keep it because it can be quantified there. Sarah said she will look into this, but there are advantages to keeping it in the office.

Family Dance, Summer Send off, Games Night

- The dance has been bumped from April 20th to May 25th, however this is when cottage season starts up.
- Macy Storms had raised a suggestion to the teachers prior to this meeting. She was thinking we could do the family dance and the baskets and summer send off at the same time. Trish worried that this could take away from the summer send-off.
- Shannon said the DJ has been booked tentatively for April 20th and she will check if he is available for May 25th instead. The summer send off is at the end of June. The DJ will cost about \$500. He has his own strobe lights and everything.
- The grade 8's will be getting back from their Montreal trip late on June 24th.
- In the past, we have done door prizes at the dance and at the summer send off, so we can do either this year.
- Libby asked if it is possible to put information about the family dance and summer send off on the Facebook page (about 300 members) because it gets more interaction? About 300 people are signed up for mail chimp as well.
- Shannon asked if we will be doing pre-orders for the pizza? Trish said we can just order whatever from Happy Times and people can order on the day of. We can order cheese and pepperoni and cheese. Amy Stoate has a file with all the information from last year.
- The summer send off is usually on a Thursday. Diane will check what the best day will be.
- Games night is off this year. We can possibly look to do this in the fall (around November) next year. It is inexpensive to do.

Outstanding / Council Business

1. OCASC

- Trish said there was discussion about using the school as a bank.
- Trish asked about the locked door policy. The environment was really split about it (much like us). Those who had it didn't know it was an option. One school didn't have it and they indicated that it was raised at a student council meeting and quickly squashed, but then they didn't have anyone advocating for it.

- Trish said the latest newsletter includes information about how to talk to your kids about cannabis.
- There was a self-regulation emotions and energy toolkit.
- There was no meeting in March and the next meeting is next Thursday.

2. Hot lunch

- Libby was looking for volunteers for May 29th. Kirsten said she may be able to help.
- Apparently the slices have not been very even, so we will get Melissa to ask them to make the slices more even.

3. Calendar of Events

- Maybe we could include the Grab n' Go program in the newsletter.
- We will do a parent survey to see what we can do better. Trish said we will write this over time and present it in the fall. This way we can think critically about what we are asking. We could potentially include the results of the Parent Climate Survey in our survey as well. The main topics will likely be grab n' go, hot lunch and bullying.

4. Parent Resource Centre

- Liliane mentioned to Trish that she is in the middle of a pro grant process to get money to support the resource centre, which is so close to launch. Liliane is willing to start the paperwork, which involves what the nature of the request should be/could be.
- Sarah said we have many books, but we just haven't landed on a place to put them. Initially the social room was to be used for this, but it is not available enough.
- The librarian requested that a space be made available for this is in the library. The librarian said the books should be signed out in the same way as other books, or kids could sign them out for their parents.
- Wally suggested taking out the old encyclopedias and putting them in the back room. That way, the parent resource library could be put in its place.

5. Other

- Shannon said that the Constance Bay community Centre is hosting a thank you for all those who helped with the flood and they are looking for volunteers. The thank you party is from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on April 21st, and then there is a Tall Boy Brothers Band that will play afterwards.
- Lisa Dolan asked about restrictions for the grad money (apart from no booze). Trish said there weren't any other restrictions, but we need original receipts.
- Diane said that kindergarten teacher Tara Godfried is done her long term assignment and Leanne is coming back from maternity leave next year.
- Wally said that his last day is April 20th.

Next Dates

- Next Student Council Meeting – May 8, 2018
- Family Dance – May 25, 2018