

## SAC Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2016

- 1) Welcome and round table introductions.
  - In attendance: Simon Hancox, Heidi Talukdar, Janelle Wood, Dyana Spencer, Kelly Phillips, Sara Karklins, Marietta Hopkins, Cheryl Behroozi, Sara Acheson, Tricia Troup, Tracey Orlando, Stacey Tallman, Robert Accadia, Pauline Wilts, Sheila Vander Kat Wiebe, Erin Accadia, Tracey Hockridge, Eugenia Pitre, Helen Nicitopoulos, Jenn Moffett, Angie Evans, Elizabeth Timleck.
- 2) Elections of SAC executives for the year
  - Following brief discussion to outline duties and expectations for each role. Volunteers were called for, and as each position had a single volunteer, the position were assigned to the following:
    - Chair: Heidi Talukdar
    - Co-chair / Treasurer : Marietta Hopkins
    - Secretary: Sara Karklins
- 3) Council Update
  - Heidi took point to review the purpose of SAC. “To work together, give all families a voice and a chance to participate in matters that affect our school.”
  - Extended a thank you to all community members who participated in the cleanup efforts following the vandalism that occurred at the school earlier in the month. The damaged picnic tables, broken glass and other hazards were removed in a group effort to return the playground to a safe state for the students.
  - Book fair. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the book fair as well as the BBQ. This year we had a record high with over \$5000 in sales with the book fair. Still have spirit wear available for sale.
  - Reminder that lunch programs are due to resume in October.(Pita Pit, Lunch lady, TCBY, etc)
  - Grad Hoodies to be started earlier this year. Teachers will be asked to proofread the students names to avoid any errors, new design planned
  - Year book: Mrs Vanderwall and Mrs Martinello will be in charge. Anyone with nice pictures from trips or events is welcome to submit them throughout the year.
  - Spirit Days. First spirit day is Orange day, but due to time restraints we were unable to get Orange shirts ready for sale. Have done our best to spread the word.
  - Jump rope for Heart is scheduled to replace the Terry Fox run this. Plan to continue going forward alternating these two fundraisers each year.
- 4) Financial update

- Review of account balance and last years decision to put a portion of the funds towards the JK/SK playground rebuild (now complete).

#### 5) New Business

- Discussion to resume Pizza days in addition to existing special lunch days.
- Discussed holding the K-3 dance in January, possibility of family movie night, replacing the Bingo night with a winter dance (further discussion required after getting quotes for venue, DJ, etc.)
- Discussed possible new fundraising opportunities. Replace Magazines with Fresh from Farm campaign. Robert put forth the motion which passed unanimously, and volunteered to do the research and application to participate.
- Anti-bullying shirts will be sold again
- Reminder that the Grade 8 parents are responsible to organize Grad party.
- Last years Grads chose to donate money towards the purchase of a 10x10 awning to be used at school sports events. Discussed how to cover balance of the cost. Potential sponsorship opportunity. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Mr Hancox discussed the need to replace the schools Scoreboard. The technology has become obsolete and it is increasingly difficult to find proper service techs and parts. Has received a quote for an updated system, but would require further fundraising to cover the cost as no DSBN funds are available. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Would like to see the return of “Mistletoe Market”. Give kids an opportunity to ‘shop’ in school and wrap gifts for family members at Christmas time. Need to find a reasonable supplier and set dates (potentially the week of Dec 12 to avoid conflict with any other events)
- School picture retake day will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- School is working on a bug in the Cash Online system.

#### 6) Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

- Mr. Hancox updated the group that the insurance claims have been approved (re: vandalism), and that new metal tables would be installed as soon as possible to replace the wooden ones that were damaged by fire.
- Shared report on the EQAO results from last year. In almost all areas, Senator Gibson met and in many areas exceeded the Provincial and DSBN board averages.
- New strategic plan discussed (tied in to “I Matter”) details can be found at: <http://www.dsbns.org/imatter>
- “I Matter” campaign introduction. New certificates featuring “I Matter because” will be implemented and replacing the Character traits awards as soon as they are received, and will be given out to the recipients each

month at the assemblies. Goal is to expand on a Childs unique character traits or talents.

- Invited Mrs Pitre to highlight importance of the Orange Shirt day initiative to honour and bring awareness of the victims of the Residential Schools. Hopes that open discussions with the students will raise awareness, and will also be tied into the ongoing Anti-bullying initiatives.
- Asked for a representative of the SAC council to attend Me-to-We meetings.

7) Next Meeting to be October 25th