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School Council Meeting
April 18th, 2024

In attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal
Megan Rempel – Teacher Representative
Paul Hatala
Suzanne Hall
Trish Rayner
Joanna Seymour
Wendy Mahabir
Jen Valente
Lesley Billingsley

Meeting Stated at 6:32pm

1. Land Acknowledgement – Presentation by Paul about the AES
2. Approval of Minutes
 - **Cannot vote on the minutes as we do not have quorum.**
 - **Paul will call an online vote**
3. French Café – Lesley
 - Went really well
 - All the kids did so great at running their stations
 - Final numbers \$1100 raised for Empowerment Squared
 - Thanks to Mme. Collins and Mme. Rempel for helping!
 - For next year, think of a way to collaborate for more students/parents to be involved
 - Going to Empowerment Squared on May 31st to present the funds raised
 - Thinking about next year:
 - o Letting the teachers know in September to give them times
 - o Teachers would prefer it during school hours
 - o Potentially look at a split model (ex. Things that require teacher involvement, do it during the school day)
 - o Table a Vote to May – to identify whether or not they want to hold this again next May



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4. Principal Needs Survey - Paul
 - Paul has put together the questions in a google form
 - o 3 questions/statements
 - o Due May 10th
 - Paul will send it out tonight

5. PRO Grant Guest Speaker – Paul
 - Chris Vollum is willing to speak
 - How parents can have a meaningful conversation with their children about social media including demos about common apps
 - How to build and maintain an online reputation
 - \$975 + HST for the 2 presentations (Students and Parent Presentation)
 - o We have \$500 from PRO grant
 - o MJ to cover student presentation?
 - Potential Dates
 - o **Do not have quorum – cannot vote**
 - o **Paul will call an online vote**

6. End of the Year Celebration – Paul
 - A picnic at the end of the year (June)
 - Monday June 24th 5:30-7:00pm
 - Flyer to be distributed
 - o Save your old books and save the date
 - Discussion of activities
 - o 360° photo booth – Not Confirmed as there is a cost (to be discussed on SLACK)
 - o Fire trucks – Have reached out – No response (Free)
 - o Hearts Activity – Have left over from last year – Paul will count how many we have
 - o Face Painting – Confirmed (Free)
 - o Ice cream truck – Confirmed (free)
 - o Pancakes – Confirmed (Free)
 - o Popcorn and snow cones
 - o Large Jenga Set (Giant Lawn Games)
 - o Potato sack Race
 - Offer to the Senior students (Grade 7's) to run the games
 - o Pizza
 - Pizza Pizza prices are the same from last year
 - Trish to get a quote from Ginos
 - o Looking into another Food Truck – Wendy
 - Book sale



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- Have books placed out on tables pre labeled for prices (Different Tables for Different costs)
- Have a Float
- Potential to donate to Empowerment Squared – Elisha to ask
- Incoming Grade One's
 - Already purchased Water Bottles for them
- 7. Principal's Update – Mr. Hopkins
- Questions? Concerns?
 - Buses in Binbrook – Will there ever be a community bus stop on the west side of the community
 - Rural Schools Meeting? – Still waiting to hear about a meeting date
- School Improvement Plan
 - PA day on Monday
 - Focused on learning and not applying right away
 - New reading tool
 - K-2 something new on report cards (support signs of reading)
 - Math learning (HIP – High Instructional Practices)
 - Watched the Solar Eclipse
- Habits of Mind
 - Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
 - Remaining Open to Continuous Learning
 - Grade 5-6 class will make a poster for the hallway
- Partnership
 - How are we creating partnerships
 - Student/parent/staff/community voice
 - Still looking for what do we stand for – What is our Motto?
 - What is Michaëlle Jean all about?
 - Mark will take selected members of council, teachers, students to come up with something
- School Organization/Class Placement
 - Our FTE is the same
 - No Surplus
 - Hopefully this means that next year we will not have any changes in September
 - Will not share names because we don't have all the staff
 - 2 grade 1 classes
 - 2 grade 2 classes
 - 1 grade 3 class
 - 1 grade 3/4 class
 - 1 grade 4 class
 - 1 grade 4/5 class



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- 1 grade 5/6 class
 - 1 grade 6 class
 - 1 grade 6/7 class
 - 1 grade 7/8 class
 - 1 grade 8 class
 - Our staff really cares about balanced classes
 - We are going to take care of your kids and will do their best to be with their friends
8. Staff Updates
- Clubs are still running
 - Band Fest last Friday went well
 - Both Jr. Basketball teams done and moving to play-offs
 - Environmental awareness next week
 - Next Friday Earth Day Celebration
 - EQAO prep
 - Grade 6/7 enrichment center
 - Education week /mental health week May 6-10
9. Next Meeting
- Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at 6:30pm
 - In the Learning Commons
 - Last Meeting
 - Are we doing another potluck
 - Celebration of what we have accomplished
 - Set up for Next Year's Council
10. Motion to Adjourn:
- **No Vote**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm