

## Emily Stowe School Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Emily Stowe PS Library 6:30pm

- 1.) Welcome and introductions:
  - All New Members Introduced
- 2.) Approval of the minutes from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting:
  - Kayla/ Andrea
- 3.) Additions to the agenda:
  - Added to new business
- 4.) New business/updates
  - a. Communication Committee Update:
    - Update on the board in the entryway: upcoming events listed, reminders, a “did you know?” section featuring our healthy snack program this month.
    - What is our goal for social media?- to show community members how we use funds in our school, to gain membership and to show family and community members what we do.
    - Will be sharing minutes on social media.
    - Any suggestions?- Lunch box blub on board.
  - b. Report out on ‘Meet the staff BBQ’:
    - Great turnout lots of positive feedback. Staff were happy. Many families came out which is great. Nice for Principal and Vice Principal to walk around and meet families.
    - Complaints that were heard: No drinks with the food and nowhere to sit and eat
    - Suggestion for next year: Bring your own picnic blanket.
  - c. Winter Urns Christmas Fundraiser:
    - Lady out of Oxford Centre offers this fundraisers.
    - 2 options: host a class (minimum 20 people) or send order forms home with the kids
    - Would be a good idea to raise money for something specific in/ for the school outside of what the auction provides.
  - d. “You’re the Chef” Program:
    - Put on through Southwest public health. Teaches students how to prepare nutritious snacks and meals.
    - Set up as a “train the trainer” program. Volunteers would go and learn and then come into the classroom.

- We Can also apply for \$200 grant. A few volunteers go into classroom with food and utensils and work with the students to make recipes provided by Southwest public health.
  - We need volunteers to take the training. October 9th 4:30-8:30, October 15th 4:30-8:30pm. Asking support via volunteers and money for the food. This is available to grade 4-8 students, start with older grades and then go from there. Health unit will give 2 totes of supplies to get us started. Each course is six weeks in length for one hour.
  - Sasha to update us on future training dates for volunteers
- e. Establishment of goals for 2019/2020 year: Kathryn to provide spreadsheet prior to next meeting highlighting the materials/programs/supplies that we listed as potential things to buy for the school.
- Presentation about our chromebooks and the need for them in the school and the issues we are currently facing (they are only supported by Google for 5 years then they are no longer safe to use). We have many that are set to expire in the next several months. 3 options suggested for purchasing chromebooks going forward, these are highlighted on the spreadsheet.
  - We discussed the proposed plan for a track to be put in at length, and decided that this is not a realistic goal or optimal use of our funds.

#### 5.) Principal's Report

- a. Student Achievement/ Academic Priorities: EQAO- last year's results and report is available on the EQAO website, school results pages were handed out. Reminder that this is one assessment and not definitive but it is an important piece of information for our school community.
- b. Health and Safety: Continuing to work with TVDSB facilities regarding swale, brickwork, roof, etc. Meeting tomorrow (October 3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - i. Storage rooms: looking at options, one item in them is the buddy benches so we need to get locations mapped out so facilities can install them. This is temporary, change rooms will be available for student use.
- c. Notable Events in our school- Work to rule began on Monday, some changes to ensure we are following CUPE direction, lots of support from the board, Karen Edgar (SO) was out yesterday to check in, any concerns need to be directed to Administration for follow up.
- d. Staffing- No staffing concerns at this time.
- e. TVPIC event coming up- flyers handed out.

#### 6.) Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report- Nothing to report
- b. Healthy Snack Program: Some stats to share: Total cost of last year's program: \$ 26 215.81

Funding from OSNP: \$ 12 150

(The rest was from other funding sources I applied to and donations)

Total snacks served: 100 632

Volunteer hours: 656

Donated products: \$ 1217

Coupon Savings: \$ 3 771.06

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- \$2705 dollars spent for September. Donations so far are \$135 which is quite low from previous years. Many families who made large donations no longer have students in the school. \$45 donated from Ava Couwenberg's yard sale 😊.
- Looking for volunteers to help with the program. As of next week all groceries we have will be used but no cheques will be cut so suspend program for next week. Nothing can be prepared and nothing can leave garbage.

d. Teaching Member's Report:

- Staff- United way collection through Wednesday lunches
- Cross Country meet- Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Boys and girls volleyball teams are practising
- Corn maze trips October 8-10 (hopefully they will still be a go)
- Food Drive: Oct 2- Cereal, Oct 3- Baby food, Oct 4- Canned food, Oct 7- Pasta, Oct 8- Boxed food, Oct 9- Jarred food

e. Community Representatives Report: Kayla and Sarah will speak with Mary Ellen Couwenberg to take on this role. Kayla to reach out to Vicky to confirm.