

Brier Park School Council Meeting
October 23rd, 2018

In attendance: Christina Brittain, Jen Ciere, Jenn McNeill, Brianne Naylor, Laura Tremblay, Jen McMillan

Welcome

Jen McMillan will remain as secretary

Jen Ciere stepping down as Chair

Jenn McNeill will transition in as Chair and Jen C will help her this year as co-chair

Previous minutes approved

A couple new people are going to join school council but were unable to make it tonight

Principal's report

-new gym mats installed over the summer

-inside doors painted as well as outside doors and window trim over the summer

-applying for more money through Pride of Place; would like cinder block painted walls to be painted the same colour as what you see in the intermediate hall; duct work be painted; still some doors that need to be done inside the building

-gym walls need to be painted

-also applying for CPIP - whatever we raise they will match - aiming to raise \$10 000

-kindergarten pen mulch is almost gone - looking at putting wood for boards along the fence line and new mulch down in the spring

EQAO

-results are down from last year

Grade 3:

58% reading level 3/4

65% writing level 3/4

46% math level 3/4

Grade 6:

78% reading level 3/4

73% writing level 3/4

29% math level 3/4

-PA day spent on going through EQAO and looking at trends

-still continuing with Strong Start

-may also have Booster Club this year to help before EQAO, will wait and see if it's offered

School Achievement Plan

-handed out the school achievement plan template, new format

-switched focus - starting with students

-what students will do, then classroom, then down to school

-this is what we will be working on in the upcoming staff meetings

-academically still looking at Math

Safe and Inclusive School plan

-reviewed from last year - do we keep this or need to change this?

-looking at keeping this as we did not touch on some of the items last year

-looking at more community involvement - reaching out to others (for example tai chi)

Accessibility training video

-all parents need to watch video before volunteering at school

Teacher Rep

-Kelley Dietrich cannot be teacher rep this year as she is also a parent

-Rebecca Moses will be the teacher rep this year - she will be at November meeting

Christmas Open House

- Wednesday, December 19th - night at Glenhyrst
- booked the barn
- asked school council if we could set up hot chocolate or cider
- possibly look at cookies as well to serve
- we can have the space from 4:30 on
- looking at having an open house night from 6-7:30
- need to decide what we want to do - craft table? cookie decorating? photo booth with Santa?

Funding

- School council report on how other schools have spent their money
- ProGrant funding is on hold
- possibly look at other resources that may come in and offer free services/ workshops
- school board gives us \$300 for parent engagement
- Jen and Jenn will reach out to other schools to see if they still want to work together
- looking at a spring date
- requesting \$60 to be taken from \$500 to be used for kindergarten orientation
- how else can we spend money?
- snacks for Xmas open house?

T-shirts

- need quotes from three vendors
- \$4 a shirt for a local company is the best quote so far
- think that it would be good to stay local so there would be no shipping cost
- Jenn will have all this info for next meeting
- goal to have t-shirts by the new year

Pizza

- Papa John's
- will get a bike at the end of the year to raffle
- will give us a code for parents to order and a portion of this would come back to the school
- as of right now there are 3 volunteers
- after first date will see how it goes
- first pizza day is Wednesday, November 7th
- will be doing this every Wednesday
- cost is \$2 per slice
- working our logistics on how cash online will work and when it will be open and available for parents to order
- easier for Jane that it will be available the 1st-15th every month
- will ask Mr. P if his class would be willing to serve the pizza to all the classes
- have pizza arrive at 12:45 to be delivered by 1

Harvey's Night

October 24th

November 20th

- this will go towards our fundraising
- only goal this year to fundraise for is painting
- in good shape for resources right now

United Way

- Socktober - collected socks for the month of October - did well with this - collected over 80 pairs of socks, donating the socks to Nova Vita, an organization which receives funds from the United Way
- Spirit Day – PJ day, raising funds for the United Way

Items to discuss next meeting

- will discuss funds and where to use our money
- update on what other schools are doing (Jen and Jenn)
- update on t-shirts (Jenn)
- Glenhyrst - ideas for that night
- ideas for future events - dance-a-thon (fundraiser idea)

Next meeting

November 6th - 6:30pm