

## **Strathmillan Parent Council Meeting March 20, 2018**

Present:

Irene Beaulieu

Heidi Richardson

Sandy Marsh Hamm

Cameron Lundgren

Liane Patterson

Lisa Taylor

Colleen Alksnis

Heather Palmer

Rebecca Misko

Call to Order by Colleen and Cam

### **Admin Report by Heather**

- Jody O'Brien is unable to attend.
- Jo-Anne Bernardin will be working at the Maintenance Office for the next 2 ½ months. Kerry Fraser from Board Office is replacing her.
- Storyteller Joe McKellan will be spending time with the K-2 classes March 20 & 21.
- Grade 3 Learn to Skate program is coming to an end. Thursday March 22 will be the last day.
- Grade 3 Swimming will run April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 9:30 – 10:15 or 10:15 – 11:00 at Civic Centre. Forms must be returned so that swimming levels can be determined.
- Lunch room rotations will happen after spring break until the end of the school year. Once the snow is gone we will be able to use the courtyard as a lunch room. Heather will look into getting more picnic tables next year. Composite picnic tables at Costco.
- Divisional Science Fair will be on April 4 from 1:00 – 3:45 at George Waters. Set up is the night before at 6:00 pm. Thanks to the judges and volunteers. WE fair assembly had a great energy. Students were very excited for the medal recipients.
- TIA will be Hip Hop dancing for the K-2 classes April 2-16. The last TIA artist had students create teepees and drums and talked to them about their value and ability to give back to their community.
- Lockdown Drill #2 will happen on Tuesday April 10 at 2:50 pm. There are protocols in place for lunch time.
- Tornado Drill is on May 10 at 10:00.

- Internet Safety presentation by Constable Buduhan for grade 4 & 5 students will be on April 10 from 1:15 – 2:15 in the library. Interested parents are able to join.
- T-Bert the Voyageur will be at an assembly on April 18 at 11:00 am in the gym.
- Volunteer Breakfast is on May 9 at 8:45 in the library. There will be a light breakfast, group presentations and grade 5 awards by their teachers.
- Tell them from ME Survey will be held in April or May for grade 4 & 5 students. A letter went home March 20. This anonymous survey allows students to express any concerns they have about school and whether they have trusted adults in their lives.
- Yearbook: There is an opportunity to create a yearbook for the students. The cost would be around \$16. Parent volunteers would have to take on the project. Colleen will look into specifics. If there is time and interest this could be something for the grade 5 students. This will be discussed at the AGM to see if this is something we would want to offer for next year.

### **Grade 5 Farewell – Colleen**

The year end assembly will held on June 26 at 3:00. The grade 4 students will perform music for the grade 5s. After the rest of the school is dismissed, the grade 5 students will have a snack ( cupcakes) and a drink in the gym. They will be given special pens to sign each others photo folders or year book. If a playground photo will be taken it will happen in May. T-shirts are probably not going to happen as they expensive.

### **FundScrip – Lisa**

It was a small turn out with only 17 orders. \$4765 gift cards sold for a profit of \$165. It's an easy fundraiser but may not be the most profitable one.

### **Fundraising**

At the upcoming AGM fundraising goals will have to be determined: what activities do we want to support, decide on the best fundraisers for the most profit and then distribute a fundraising calendar at the beginning of the school year so families can decide in advance fundraisers they would want to support.

### **Plant Sale – Sandy**

Order forms are due April 6. Volunteers are needed for the mornings of May 16 & 17 to sort out the orders. Reminders will be sent out to get orders in as well as for folks to bring their own plant trays.

### **Next meeting will be on April 17.**

The agenda will be to plan for the AGM on May 15. Ideas are to provide light refreshments and encourage people to bring a friend.

### **Staff Appreciation**

There was a lot of great food which was much appreciated by the staff. There were many notes and thank you cards in the Parent Council mailbox. The containers filled with leftovers in the fridge were also much appreciated.