

"Be a Friend"

Vera M. Welsh School Council

Thursday, January 18, 2018 – Vera M. Welsh Staffroom

6:30 PM start

Child care provided

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Introduction to Rachelle Best – Literacy Coordinator - programming
4. Chairperson Report
School Calendar Feedback – Draft A or Draft B =
5. Principal Report
 - * Staff changes - Introduction of new Principal – S. Abougouche
 - * Power Lunch with R. Cusson on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – Parent Volunteers needed to supervise students eating and then reading (1 hour commitment).
 - * Questions
6. CAPS - Budget report...Tropical Day request.
7. Next Meeting: February 22, 2018
8. Adjournment



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Vera M. Welsh School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Vera M. Welsh Staffroom - 6:30 PM start

In attendance: Lynda Bateman, Karen White, Rachele Best, Natasha Downes, Andre Delaire, Angele Kaufman, Dana Robb

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:28
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved by Karen White, seconded by Natasha Downes
3. Introduction to Student Advocacy Counselor – Keith White
 - Individual counselling - behaviour anxiety etc. - 22 children using individual counselling sessions (some daily, some monthly, some as needed)
 - Referrals to Mental Health or other appropriate agencies (hearing, speech etc)
 - Also works with Miss Bonnie to present to classes, assemblies, zones
 - Anger management groups, leadership skills group (1 boy & girl from each grade 3 class - the students were identified by teachers), Lego club (teaches social skills)
 - Part of Student Services Team
 - Runs soccer game during recesses (given structure and rules to avoid issues between students). Has given opportunity for students who need more supervision during recess on playground.
 - Parents/teachers request for student to meet with Keith, forms are completed and assessments are done to find best option for the student
 - Keith can meet with student 1X without the need for parent consent, any other meetings require parental consent
 - Taking professional development training for Lego club
4. Chairperson Report
 - School Council Contact Information Consent Form
 - Contact form for NLSD - used for trustees to contact board members for information sharing etc.
 - Contact form passed around table
 - Junior Citizen of the Year- LLB County
 - Very few nominations for Junior Citizen of the year. Any youth between 3-18 who lights up our community
 - Dana will ask teachers to submit 1 student per class
5. Principal Report
 - * Staff changes:
 - S. Simpson – leave – T. Skakun - mornings in On My Way until March 30, 2018
 - Emma Thomas returning from maternity leave November 27,
 - C. Cardinal On leave - transition time for about a week with Emma
 - D. Robb – resignation – January 31, 2018
 - * December Events
 - November 23 – Thursday - Just Read 25 000 books read – PJ and hot chocolate day – Blanket and flashlight – 20 minutes of reading in the dark! Reading has been amazing even though less students
 - December 15 – Christmas Sweater/ Christmas colours day – be festive!
 - December 18 – Preschool Kindergarten Christmas Concert – 12:30
 - December 19 – Grade 1 Christmas Concert – 12:30
 - December 20 – Grade 2/3 Christmas Concert – 12:30
 - December 21 – Santa comes – oranges - no candy canes
 - * Questions
 - School messenger - let Brenda know what your preferred message delivery message is. Need to add name into messages to parents so they know which school the message is coming from.
 - Vegetable soup and the sandwiches was a big hit with students.
 - Transition - someone from senior executive will talk to staff to create interview team. Anticipating candidate chosen before Christmas - two weeks of orientation with Dana.
8. CAPS - Budget report
 - \$7,659.10 in account
 - Parent Teacher Interviews - eat & meet - \$2 snacks - too busy so not going to happen this time - regroup after Christmas with fundraising ideas
 - Natasha fundraising idea - veggie bundles \$12 or \$22 sizes - depending on Sand Springs
 - Karen fundraising idea - bannock and jam and soup for parent teacher interviews.
 - Bake sale during Christmas concerts - not sure since it doesn't fit with Apple School guidelines



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- Christmas Art Sales during Christmas concert - big fundraising idea - framed pictures etc - a lot of work but great payout
- Creative fruit/veggie displays - sell or auction
- Gift basket - each grade makes basket then gets auctioned/raffled off

Spirit Wear - Available through School Cash on Line

- New quotes received
- Selling hoodies, t-shirts, toques, etc.
- Profits deposited into School Council account

9. Next Meeting: January 18, 2018

10. Adjournment 7:15 p.m.

