

## Parent Council Meeting - 17 Jan 2017

Strathmillan Library - call to order at 1905 by Rebecca Misko

Social Media Safety Presentation - Constable Orlando Buduhhan

- Importance of understanding the media form you are using and keep up to date on ways of protecting your children...know the difference between on-line and off-line, keep track of apps, etc. Know the platforms capabilities, phones,
- Google “worst websites and apps for children” and one of the best sites is “[iparent.tv](http://iparent.tv)”, “facecrooks”.
- Look out/for “vault apps” that disguise sinister sites.
- Realize that there is an age restriction/legal age for certain apps, i.e.: Facebook, Instagram, etc. The minimum age is 13 years of age (with parents permission).
- Bill C-13 - gives law enforcement the authority to investigate cases where photos, etc are used without the originators consent. Example: girlfriend that sends an intimate photo to her boyfriend but they break up and he sends the photo to the entire school without her consent.
- Be aware of Malware and ransomware which is a type of malware, Phishing scams, Spyware apps which are illegal get access to your camera, can take over your phone which needs to be professionally wiped out.
- How do you protect yourself? never click suspicious email/websites (torrenting, P2P), Keep software/virus protection on all devices and do regular back ups.
- Password security - don't use common passwords, and use different passwords and change frequently.
- Watch out for other on-line scams such as companies looking for payment on Visa, Facebook, Amazon, etc. Look closely at the letters they are sending...” Dear Visa Customer” vice “Dear Mr. Smith”.
- Some apps don't require accounts through service providers (ie: Telus, Rogers, etc) so apps such as “Kik” allow kids to have accounts without a paper trail. There is no privacy with Kik accounts so child predators highly use this app to find children to prey on.
- Some apps rely on real time geolocation such as YikYak and Periscope and although they have an age restriction the companies do not shut down accounts.
- Popular app right now is “After School” app which works a lot like Yik Yak and has led to a lot of cyber bullying. Other gossip apps: [ask.fm](http://ask.fm), voter, whisper
- Hiding Apps/Vault Apps: some look like calculators, musical controls, vaults, locks.
- Bad Aps: tinder, ooVoo, flinch, omeggle, chat/roulette
- Parent Rules: No technology at the table, Keep the technology out of the bedroom, Spend more time with the kids and less time with technology, There is No app that replaces the Lap!!!

Vision Screening Volunteers:

- Deb Danyluk to review volunteers and send out confirmed list. Volunteers needed all days.

Principal's Report: (Mrs. Palmer to provide info for minutes)

- "Learn to Skate" started today, 17 Jan 2017. Look for pictures on Instagram.
- Kindergarten open house is one month earlier this year. Administration will be able to get a better idea of how many students will be coming into the school earlier on.
- Middle School Open Houses also occurring one month earlier. Transition activities happening (school play, art class with Golden Gate students) with Golden Gate to help ease the grade 5 students.
- JobWorks program - to be posted on Facebook page for parents info.
- Kindness Matters - info to be posted on line along with Stand Up Club.
- Letter to Strathmillan School to the President Parent Council- from SJSJ administration/Chief Superintendent and CFO - staffing requirements questionnaire. Rebecca to scan and send out and parents to provide info, if any.

Plant Sale Update:

- In the past, Mel got orders together and payment ready for Glenlea. Dates for delivery are set for mid-May. Proceeds of the plant sale go towards bus transportation, literacy/numeracy supplies, etc. Sandy and Heidi to sort out logistics. More to follow at next meeting in February.

President's Report: Rebecca Misko

- \$450 raised for Winnipeg Jets Raffle - down \$350 from last year.
- Fundscrip - sold \$13,000 worth of gift cards, made ~\$550. Had a couple of issues including wrong entry, cards no longer available and one with a \$0 balance. More to follow at next meeting in Feb.
- Mabel's Labels - Liane has reported that we have reached a total of \$27.56 which has been made so far. We will get paid once we reach \$50. Only four orders were submitted. Liane has requested space in the newsletter to advertise the program. Going to look at promoting it more at the start of the 2017/18 school year.
- Volunteers – We need help in all areas. Liane as an example – she requested a project she was interested in and manages it. Volunteer Coordinator - it would be great to have a parent be able to take over to alleviate pressures of the same volunteers. Ideas, suggestions of ways to draw people in to help out is encouraged – ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON VOLUNTEER COORD please contact Rebecca.
- Staff Appreciation – Staff Lunch – anyone want to take it on with Rebecca's help? Need soups, buns, salads, baking, dinners (casseroles?), teas, coffees, juice, pop, creamers, anything else that people would like to contribute. This is just a matter of organizing and early planning. Need volunteers for set-up and clean-up as well as making/supplying the food. Need a date in February and check if there is a list of teachers with known allergies? Letter with a heart for messages back to the staff...any other ideas?

Motion to adjourn

Meeting concluded at 2130