

Strathmillan Parent Council - Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017, 7:00 pm, Strathmillan Kindergarten room

Attendance list below

1. Call to Order - Rebecca Misko
2. Introductions
3. Reports
 - Principal's Report - Heather Palmer
 - The Choirs did well at the divisional performances.
 - Student Council is working on content for the Time Capsule by the front doors. The scheduled opening date will be in 35 years.
 - The Learning Through the Arts program update.
 - Mural/Mosaic in the 2nd wing completed.
 - Storytelling with Jamie Oliviera in combination with the annual storytelling evening will take place in March.
 - French Enrichment experience will take place Feb 22.
 - There are currently 28 Kindergarten registrations for the 2017/2018 school year.
 - February 10 will be an assembly about saving the polar bears, coordinated by rooms 41 and 38 and with high school student guests who just returned from Churchill.
 - Vice-Principal's Report - Cheri Banks
 - Cheri started at Strathmillan on January 9.
 - Took on coordination of "The Great Kindness Challenge" this year.
 - February 22 is "Pink Shirt Day" to raise awareness of bullying and emphasize kindness.
 - Treasurer's Report - Cam Lundgren
 - Current balance is just under \$5200.
 - Most expenses will come at the end of the school year.
 - Fundraising results:
 - Pizza lunch: \$142
 - Jets tickets raffle: \$455
 - Fundscrip: \$526
 - Discussion: Should we do another Fundscrip campaign this year? Decision: Wait and see how the expenses go.
 - We're aiming to have a balance of \$500 to carry over to next school year.
4. Divisional Budget Meeting
 - Seeking someone to attend the school division budget meeting.

- **Action: Cam has offered to go.**

5. Staff Appreciation

- Staff appreciation week is February 21 to 23 (short week due to Louis Riel Day and Inservice). We're hoping for treats on all three days and soups, salads, etc for lunch on the Wednesday
 - **Action: Rebecca will send an email out to her mailing list seeking volunteers for baking, soups, volunteers**
- Similar to last year, we'll send out a form for students to fill out with happy memories of staff interactions. They'll be shared with the staff, some over the morning announcements, and all can be included in the Time Capsule.
 - **Action: Colleen will finish editing the form and send to Heather for copying and distribution.**

6. Plant Sale update

- The plant sale will be advertised in the newsletter and the Facebook post reminding people it was coming got 463 Likes.
- Catalogues are coming soon and Sandy will make a cover letter explaining the process and requesting volunteers.
- Volunteers will be need May 17 & 18.

7. New Business

- Heather shared a Thank you letter from Rm 40 for base 10 blocks purchased by parent council for the teacher wish lists. All requests have been filled.
- Terri raised concerns about children waiting outside before school in extreme cold weather.
 - Discussion: Could parent council arrange for volunteer supervisors on cold days? The staff does keep an eye on the school yard on extreme cold days and they try to call children in to wait inside. If any parents arrive early on extreme cold days, they are welcome to come inside and help monitor children in the hallway.
- Call for used winter gear. The school can always use extra gear for children who've lost or do not have hats/mitts/etc.

8. Next meeting: March 14, 2017, 7 pm - Strathmillan School Staff Room

9. Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Attendance List

- Heather Palmer, Principal
- Cheri Banks, Vice-Principal
- Rebecca Misko, Chair
- Cam Lundgren, Treasurer
- Liane Patterson, Recording secretary
- Terri Craig
- Sandy Marsh Hamm

- Heidi Richardson
- Irene Beaulieu
- Collen Alksnis