

## Strathmillan Parent Council - Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016, 7 pm, Strathmillan School Library

Attendance list below

1. Call to Order - Rebecca Misko.
2. Restitution Presentation - Lisa Neufeld
3. Maker Spaces Presentation - Joan Badger
4. Reports
  - a. Principal's Report - Heather Palmer
    - i. The student body is expected to be between 352 & 354 students after some new starts.
    - ii. The school purchased 25 safety vests for playground supervisors (recess & lunch)
    - iii. The Learning Through the Arts program has had 2 programs approved
      1. Mural/Mosaic which will be in the 2nd wing and all students will be involved in creating it.
      2. Storytelling - March
    - iv. Key fundraising for the school this year is the magazine drive
    - v. Hearing screening is done. Thank you to the volunteers that helped out.
    - vi. Inter-school soccer has started.
    - vii. Picture retakes are November 2
    - viii. Ms Neufeld has organized a play for restitution which will be performed on Thursday evening (Oct 20) in the school library
    - ix. Spirit week will be from October 24 to 28 with proceeds going to a local charity: "Mission to Mexico." See the school blog for more details.
    - x. The class review process will be starting soon. It's an opportunity for teachers to discuss with administration the strengths and challenges in the classroom for the current year.
    - xi. Strathmillan is in "Contact" this month with a feature on the school Time Capsule.
    - xii. All are welcome to attend the school's Remembrance Day service on November 9
  - b. Vice-Principal's Report - Ms Steuart unable to attend this month.
  - c. Treasurer's Report - Cam Lundgren
    - i. Cam provided the preliminary budget.
    - ii. We have about \$4000 of uncommitted funds.
  - d. Chair's report - Rebecca Misko
    - i. Parent council bulletin board has been set up.
    - ii. Mika and Kerri are in the process of organizing the pizza lunches. Kerri will continue with the lunches next school year but will need a new person to help as Mika's child will be graduating this year.
    - iii. The parent council page on the school website is out of date. It is missing council executive information and meeting dates.
      1. **Action: Mrs. Palmer will investigate.**

- iv. We've been invited to join the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils at a rate of \$80 for a one year membership. After discussing the pros and cons, the council has decided to pass on joining this year.
  - v. The Minister of Education and Training has sent out a call for nominations for outstanding teachers and administrators. The deadline for nominations is December 1.
    - 1. **Action: Rebecca will scan the letter and send it to the council for us to consider.**
  - vi. Rebecca will be setting up a table promoting Parent Council at the student conferences in November. If anyone can help man it, please feel free to stop by.
  - vii. Discussion regarding the speaker series for meetings. Next topic will be "Kids in the Know."
    - 1. **Action: Sandy will do a write up of tonight's presentations for the school blog and newsletter.**
5. Discuss/Decide on where to spend our fundraising dollars for 2016/2017
- a. **Motion: Rebecca Misko moved that we plan to leave \$1000 from our uncommitted funds for next year's parent council. Seconded by Sandy Marsh Hamm. Carried.**
  - b. After discussion, we've haven't allocated funds yet, but we have a priority list, and will do cost estimates next meeting. The priority list is:
    - i. 1. Teacher wish lists
    - ii. 2. Maker spaces
    - iii. 3. Lunch room activities
    - iv. 4. Contribution to mosaic (tentative allocation of \$300)
    - v. 5. Extra T-shirts in a specific colour for field trips
  - c. **Action: For lunch room/recess activities, Sandy is going to pull out a call for donations and see what we can get via this route first before planning purchases.**
  - d. **Action: Mrs. Palmer is going to solicit the teachers for items for a wish list.**
6. New Business
- a. Liane presented information on Mabel's Labels and Emily Press as possible fundraising opportunities.
  - b. **Motion: Rebecca Misko moved that we add Mabel's Labels to our fundraising activities. Seconded by Cam Lundgren. Carried.**
  - c. **Action: Liane will set up the Mabel's Labels fundraising**
  - d. Fundscrip will continue.
    - i. **Action: Rebecca will write a note to go along with the Fundscrip material letting parents know that our fundraising needs aren't urgent and so they should (hopefully) feel no pressure to participate.**
7. Next meeting
- a. November 15, 2016. 7:00 pm. Strathmillan School Library.
8. Motion to Adjourn
- a. Rebecca Misko so moved. Wendy Hamm seconded.

### **Attendance List**

- Heather Palmer, Principal
- Rebecca Misko, Chair
- Cam Lundgren, Treasurer
- Liane Patterson, Recording secretary
- Sandy Marsh Hamm
- Heidi Richardson
- Barbara King
- Wendy Marche
- Lynette Young
- Irene Beaulieu
- Deborah Danyluk-Schmidt
- Collen Alksnis