

Home and School Meeting

October 26 2015

Present: Shelley MacLean, Mrs Doyle, Beth Keyes, Mr. Ripley, , Linnea Vandenberghe, Melissa Crilley, Nancy Hossack, Stephanie Hutt; Natalie Folster

Updates:

Library – no updates

Hot lunch – Nancy indicated that all is going well - no new updates other than the baked chicken nuggets are getting mixed reviews from kids

Finances – As of last week there was approximately \$20 000 in the account (no Teacher grants yet to be processed from this). Mr. O’Neill came across a cheque in the safe from last spring (it was the \$700 refund given to Shelley for the bouncy cancel last year at Family Fun Day that could not be used due to weather. This will be deposited in the account (it was confirmed to still be good to cash).

Movie Night – Oct 13th. Shelley will organize and oversee this, and will prepare popcorn the day before; charge for treats if anyone wanted to purchase these.

Float – a parent (Shannon Golding) has offered to oversee the float!!! The parade is set to take place on Nov. 28th. She is starting to spread the word to parents for help. She will ask Mike to send out another message for parents to indicate items required.

Tutoring – the UNB students are now in place. There are approximately 25 kids receiving tutoring each week (most are in grades 3-5). Mr. Ripley noted it has been harder to coordinate pick-ups for the younger grades because we cannot use the later busses to send kids home due to space limits on bus, so parents have to pick them up.

Teacher grants – several teachers have purchased items to use in their classroom and with students based upon the Grant offered (maximum of \$250 each). They will submit their receipts to David who will then let us know what totals are for reimbursement. The teachers were grateful for this support and expressed a big “Thank you!!!” to Home and School.

Nancy indicated she would speak with the Royal Bank about adding the secretary as a signer on our account to facilitate processing of some payments as she is in the office daily.

School updates:

- David noted that there are 46 new K students registered for fall 2016 at this point (down from previous years)
- The Kick off to Kindergarten event is scheduled for Nov. 3
- Nov. 4th is Career day at the school and there will be a big career fair in the gym
- Nov 10th is the Remembrance day assembly

- Parent teacher is Nov. 26 & 27
- Book Fair is Nov. 26th & 27th
- House Teams are going well. Each student was given a T shirt (funded by canteen sales)
- Dec 8th & 10th Christmas Concert – being held over the lunch hour (same show twice) and all kids involved.
- David asked if we could provide funds for EAs to use to purchase items to use with kids (things they would buy out of pocket)...discussion – aren't these items under the teacher's umbrella? Sometimes they purchase items to use with kids; 15 EAs on staff; give them a pool of \$1500 to use accordingly (David will funnel items and order).

Other:

- Linnea & Melissa updated on the Vendor Fair – calling it **LES Expo**; 25 vendors booked (34 spots available); \$20 a table; getting a few signs to use (and re-use in future – approx.. cost is \$30); Date is Nov. 19th 6:00-9:00 pm. They will arrive at 4:30 for the set-up of tables in the gym. 50/50 during event as well as a prize basket
- Linnea asked if she could send flyer home for her company, and donate 20% of any sales generated back to the school. The committee agreed, and she said she would send a flyer home with each student and parents and if they were interested they could go on-line and place their order.
- Linnea mentioned a tree farmer she knows who indicated they would donate \$5 to LES for every tree sale from a LES family at their farm (the owners are grandparents of student at the school). Linnea will forward the name of tree farm to Beth or David to forward to families.

- Shelley has taken over a space downstairs in the school for FFD storage and space to organize (an empty classroom)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by B.Keyes