

PSSC Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2018

In attendance: Stephanie Borthwick, Katherine Grant, Julie MacDougall, Paddy Huizinga, Catherine Thomas

- (1) School Supplies: the \$45.00 fee which was collected last year (2017-2018) worked well and the school had enough supplies to last the year. The teachers and school would like to use this system again. Last year \$10,730 was taken in for fees, with some families opting to buy their own supplies. There were some funds left over, but with an extra classroom this year and the extra hour of school for K-2, there may be a need for extra supplies and the surplus from last year could cover this. There is an online ordering forum called Schoolcash.net which can be used to collect these fees. Anyone not wanting to use the online option will be able to bring the money into the office directly. Parents are discouraged from sending money with their children due to the chance of it getting misplaced and the extra resources needed by the teachers to count and deliver the money to the office.
- (2) Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Huizinga attended a meeting with 17 other schools regarding the k-2 extended hour research project (which SGEN is participating in). Almost every school was using the hour similarly to the proposal by SGEN with the focus being on wellness, purposeful play and character building. The project will be evaluating the outcome of the project in 3 areas: teacher wellness, student wellness and systematic change.
- (3) Regarding the implementation of the project, the biggest issue was seen to be the buses. Dave Breau is aware of the project and will be working to ensure everything is in place by the end of the summer.
- (4) Staffing: 16 EAs have been allotted for next year. Final numbers for each class have not yet been confirmed. There will be 15 classrooms, 8FI and 7 English. The MakerSpace will become a classroom next year. The teachers are guaranteed 35 minutes or equivalent per day of prep time. Our equivalent would be 6 preps a week since our schedule is based on a 30 minute block. Extra FTEs will be in place to accommodate this.
- (5) Outdoor Classroom: Grants are in place for the development of an outdoor classroom space. Catherine Thomas, Matthew Kernighan and Jenny Maxwell will be working together to complete this project. Community involvement will be encouraged in the project.

Next meeting is June 11th at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by Julie MacDougall