New Maryland Home & School Meeting – April 4, 2017

Minutes

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| 1. Call to order
 | Erica Ward | Call to order at 7:04pm |
| 1. Review minutes and call for additional agenda items
 | Erica Ward |  |
| 1. NMES Update
 | Laurie Pearson | * Snacks for staff appreciation week were well received
* Materials have been purchased the materials for the lending library to be located on the red wing playground, we will also be building a community message board that will be on the school grounds (funded by PSSC)
* World Autism Day – Superhero Day was on Monday
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| 1. PSSC Update
 | Natalie Holder | * Snow removal contract will go to tender next year
* School improvement plan has been updated
* Dr. Judith Margison was in to talk about Resiliency in Children (evening event)
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| 1. Financial report – bank balance
 | Vanessa Roy-McDougall | * $12,374.69 in bank balance
* $74,000 in playground fund
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| 1. Committee work / old business
2. Playgrounds
3. Spellathon
 | Erica Ward | * Playgrounds are completely funded, will be put in and finished by June 30th; committee will be getting together to discuss plaques for the school grounds to recognize major sponsors
* Spellathon went off without a hitch
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| 1. New Business
2. Ukeleles
3. I’ll Drink To That
4. Maker-Writer space
 | Erica Ward | * Ukeleles – grade 5s are doing the Bruno Mars song “Count on Me” for the graduation; 12 students know it on the ukulele, but there are only 6 in the school; will be used in future years as well for ukulele club, etc.; estimate for 6 is $270 taxes in
	+ All in favour – ukuleles will be purchased
* I’ll Drink To That – New Maryland Lions Club is hosting a sip’n’sample event, $25/ticket, April 22nd from 6 to 10pm; some proceeds will be donated to the Maker-Writer space
* Maker-Writer space – option to build into the budget a small amount of money ($100) each month to give to the space
	+ Approved $100/month going forward, starting April 2017
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| 1. Next meeting date – May 2nd, 2017
 | Erica Ward | * Will need to decide what, if anything, we are doing for the year-end picnic (last year was the art auction)
	+ Mrs. Pearson to talk with staff about ideas for this
	+ “Parent appreciation” event – popsicles and/or freezies to hand out to the kids?
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| 1. Close meeting
 | Erica Ward | Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm |