Grade 8 Celebration Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Kim Hamilton. Kim went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and shared their child’s name.

Kim gave a brief history of previous Grade 8 Celebrations and the reasons behind the policies of previous administrations. In past years, there was an evening luau at NMS and a formal organized outside the school that was not school sanctioned. Therefore, staff could not attend and all supervision and safety was the responsibility of the parents who organized the off-site formal. In 2017, parents worked together with administration and staff to provide a wonderful celebration that took place right at NMS and incorporated everything that students were looking for.

Kendra Frizzell, Principal of NMS, indicated that last year a formal dance was held at the school. Students showed up dressed as they wished, casual or fancy, and it was perfect. The parents who volunteered did a great job. The dance started at 7 pm and ended at 10 pm. During the day, games were held outside in the field and students enjoyed a barbeque. It was a full day of celebration. Kendra is willing to provide funds towards this year’s celebration should they be needed. Last year, the proceeds from the May school dance provided enough money to cover a lot of the expenses for the Grade 8 Celebration. This year we will also organize the May dance and keep the profits from it to help cover the cost of this year’s celebration. The dance will be held on May 24th. As well, a donation letter was sent out to families indicating a $10 donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the daylong celebration. Some ideas of activities students enjoyed last year were… a photo booth, dance in the cafeteria and a movie in the theatre. Kendra thought there are approximately 150 Grade 8 Students. This number will be verified.

A discussion was held with regards to what the 2018 celebration should look like. It was decided the celebration should follow the same form as last year but perhaps with a different theme. Kendra will meet with SRC classroom reps and they will have a discussion with classmates in regards to a theme. They will then report back to Kendra with theme ideas. Kendra will have them pick 1-4 themes and we will decide as a group at our next meeting so we can surprise students.

Kim indicated we should have a minimum of two co-chairs for the Grade 8 Celebration, as well as chairs of various sub-committees to help organize this day for the students. Kim and Jeanne Sayre will be co-chairs of the Grade 8 Celebration. Food committee co-chairs are Faith Slipp and Lisa Bennett. Activities committee co-chairs are Wendy Ferguson and Angela Leaman. Decorating committee co-chairs are Terri MacDonald and Jill Shaw. Sharon Stratton will be chair of the dance committee. We are looking for a co-chair to help her. Hopefully someone will volunteer at our next meeting.

Additional discussions took place with regards to last year’s celebration. It was decided that we will contact the parents who organized last year’s event so we can benefit from their knowledge, contacts and experience.

The date of Thursday, June 21st was set for the 2018 Grade 8 Celebration.

The next meeting will be held on March 28th @ 7 pm in the staff room at NMS. Kendra indicated that if anyone is looking for a meeting space to meet with their committee members outside of our regular meeting time they can email her and they can use the school cafeteria or the staff room.

Kim is going to compile an email distribution list and send it out to all Grade 8 parents who have expressed interest in helping with this year’s celebration. Kim’s email will include the names and contact info for co- chairs as well as sub-committee co-chairs so parents/ family members who weren’t able to get to our initial meeting know how they can get involved.

Kim thanked everyone for coming and looks forward to our next meeting on March 28th @ 7 pm.