

Minutes – March 2018

1. Welcome and Attendance

Karyn Jacobsen-Hughes
Julia MacEwen
Steven Mariasine
Kirsten Jacobsen-Hughes
Delin Hayton
Angelina Nikkel
Janice Ballinger
Kim Seymour
Wendy Firth
David O'Neill
Mark Diamond
Pete Veurtjes
Denise St.Jules
Jennifer Hazelwood
Liz Conabree
Carole Laporte

2. Review and approval of minutes

February Minutes Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Steven Mariasine

See attached.

4. Principal's Report – Pete & Denise

Individual Education Program (IEP) forms went out yesterday. There have been some changes to the form.

Two triple ball tournaments were hosted in the last month – they went very well. Council was thanked for loaning the hotdog machine for the event.

The water station has been installed.

Lead testing will be taking place in the school. While the testing goes on, some sinks will be "handwashing only". A note will go out to the parents shortly. The Lead testing results are all under the desired levels; however, the board wants all taps that are not regularly flushed to be used for handwashing only.

Teachers are over the moon at the granting of the wish list items. Many items have been ordered already, but there will be a delay in some (e.g., Chrome Books while they are re-imaged by the board).

2018 District Needs Analysis. Discussion around some of the results. Summary provided by Liz Conabree. Discussion around whether MHES could be impacted by a change in

the age ranges housed within (e.g., moving to K to 7 or 8). Admin feels this is unlikely. It is not addressed in the report. The report is available electronically (more information at <https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=6194364>).

Toonie Tuesday raised \$981.

Staff are still talking about the teacher appreciation lunch put on by Council.

The Board is coming out with a new OCDSB App (May).

5. Messy Art Night Update – Angelina & Kristen

March 23rd. Still looking for some volunteers. The first flyer went out last Friday – another flyer will go out as a reminder. Consider sending out via synvoice. The t-shirt activity is changing slightly. So far, the event is coming in close to budget.

6. Fun Fair Update - Julia

June 21st. 5:30-8:30 (TBD). Park rental has been approved. Three inflatables have been rented. Grillmaster has been booked. Volunteers will be needed to help run the food portion of the event (e.g., food prep to support quick food delivery). Volunteers will also be needed for ticket sales. Face painters have been booked tentatively. Touch a truck is coming along (e.g., Military, police, firetruck, garbage, paramedic). Looking to also offer ice cream. Also looking to bring in a radio station.

7. Cookbook Update – Carole & Elvan

Close to 200 recipes have been submitted so far. Formatting to start next week and then the organizers can determine costs.

8. OCASC Report – Liz Conabree

OCASC is looking for topics that it can talk to the board about next year. If you have any issues you would like OCASC to raise this way, you can contact Liz Conabree or go on the OCASC website. SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) is looking for representatives for next year. There was a discussion around the transition of kids from elementary school to secondary school in the gifted program. Discussion around Grow Smart Girls (growsmartgirls.ca). Recognition awards (more info on OCASC or OCDSB websites). Multiple categories – feel free to nominate someone. There are a few interesting upcoming speakers. If we would like to receive a grant to reach out to parents, we need will need to apply soon (June 5th).

9. Other Items

- a. Campbell's Soup Label Coordinator needed

Need a new coordinator. A little research suggests this program may no longer be offered by Campbell. <http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/2016changes.asp>

- b. Teacher appreciation awards

Proposing fun awards for teachers that the kids invent and nominate specific teachers for. Other options for recognizing and profiling teachers were discussed – like teacher profiles that could be posted in the lobby each month.

c. Mural Discussion

Some feedback from a council member who had the opportunity to see some of the board-mounted murals that have been done; however, it may still be necessary to paint the wall to remove the vandalism. This may mean that these murals wouldn't fully address the issue (i.e., detracting vandalism).

d. "Jan Harder Award".

Need to get moving on finding student candidates for this award. Discussion about renaming (e.g., Mary Honeywell Community Spirit Award).

e. Grad Wear

Grad t-shirts are being organized – Pam Geraghty is organizing if you need more information.

f. School Wear.

Spirit day will be planned soon so that kids have a chance to wear their new school clothing.

10. Adjournment – next meeting April 12th