

Parent Council Minutes: February 21, 2019

Dec 6 minutes approved Norah Brien, seconded by Stephanie Dickerson

Treasurer's Report: approximately \$10, 200

Principal's Report:

Electronic tools are all in place and everyone is becoming more familiar with them and the apps. Cashless forms are now online but not being used for everything. Hopefully milk and hot lunches can be added for April. The new app, taking the place of the Remind app seems to be working out ok, there are still some glitches within the app that need to be worked out, but approximately 70% of families have signed up for the app. Comments regarding the app, especially web-attendance, have been passed along to the LDSB. Many parents remarked that it would be helpful to have the option to select "late".

Parent Engagement:

Math bags have been going home with less items in it and the overall response is favourable. Families are still able to have lots of fun with the items in the bags without being totally overwhelmed. A parent/family math night or afternoon is still a possibility, but will be worked out later.

Canada Codes came to the school, it is a free, mobile coding unit, that travels all across Canada. The JK/SK, grade 8, 5/6, and 4's all got a chance to participate and Canada Codes will be coming back March 22 so the rest of the students can have a turn. The students that had the chance to try out the coding had a great time and a lot of fun and they all learned how to code their own video games.

The Holiday Concert was another huge success, many people took advantage of the afternoon performance as well as sitting in the front lobby for the video broadcast in the evening. Promoting the afternoon show helped elevate the crowding as well as letting people know about the overflow seating in the front lobby.

Mrs. McCutcheon's grade 5/6 class will be heading into the Napanee Museum for a week of learning thanks to Beyond the Classroom. They will have a week of journaling, inquiry focus, heritage talks and learning all about the history of Greater Napanee.

Six FM systems have been purchased and parent council agreed to cover \$450 towards the purchase. Once teacher feedback is gathered, two more might be purchased. Each system comes with a handheld microphone which the students quite like.

Joe Hendry from the LDSB is coming to assess the school yard and give ideas on how we might be able to improve it for the students. Currently is it very sports orientated so perhaps some sort of outdoor entertainment for those who do not enjoy sports as much might be a good idea, as well as something for the middle grades.

Kidpreneur will be March 28th and the kids are very excited to show off their ideas.

Parent council would like to have a sensory floor made in the school as part of our fundraising efforts. Mr. West will talk to other schools as well as custodial staff who have done this to see how to proceed.

Expenditures: Each class has approximately five Chromebooks, they get used a lot and some have been broken. Mr. West asked parent council to possibly consider purchasing ten or fifteen new Chromebooks for the classrooms.

The next Parent Council meeting: March 28th at 6:00.