

Parent Council Minutes: May 9th, 2019

Minutes from March 28th: Approved by Becky Hinch, seconded by Stephanie Dickerson

Treasurer's Report:

Received \$500 for parent engagement, after Chromebook and fundraising invoices, we have approximately \$6,065.

Principal's Report:

Mr. West will be leaving Selby in September and is very sad to be leaving and so are we! We are happy to have incoming Principal Ms. Kelly Witely joining our school.

Tentative staffing changes have been made, but the classes will be decided once the final enrolment numbers are in. Selby will have 11 classrooms and the tentative classrooms are:

JK/SK: Sara Taylor
JK/SK: Jennifer Argyle
Gr. 1/2: Ian Craig
Gr. 1/2: Lisa King
Gr. 2/3: Sherri Richards
Gr. 3/4: Trevor Hill
Gr. 4/5: Scott Sunderland
Gr. 5: Kelly McCutcheon
Gr. 6/7: Jacquie Rowe
Gr. 7/8: Andrea Putnam
Gr. 8: Emily Kemp
ECE: Nikki Wagar
EA: Brenda Hyatt, Janie Ryan, Amanda Ruttan
Student Support, Planning Time: Sara Sutcliffe
Planning Time: Adam Scott
Primary/Junior French: Christine Van Neste
Junior/Intermediate French: To be determined
Office Administrator: Donna Gallagher
Head Custodian: Kelly Perry
Evening Custodian: Tom Breeden

Chromebooks have been purchased and the students have been putting them to great use, not having to share the Chromebooks has been much appreciated by the students.

Grants: Mr. West applied for and received the Barry Roantree grant for \$1600.00. This money will be spent purchasing a program called LEXIA, a literacy development program to be used by students who may be struggling with reading. LEXIA has been used at Southview Public School and they have lots of positive reviews. Teachers will decide on the students they feel would most benefit from this program, possibly starting with the older grades.

Kidpreneur was a great success, again. Selby had students move on to the SPC for the county wide fair. There were approximately 150 students participating in total and 100 displays. Selby had two students place at the county show, we had a runner-up and a third place finish. Congratulations!

The talent show and book fair are on May 16th, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Ryan and the students participating have been working very hard practicing their performances. It is shaping up to be another amazing show.

Yard Improvements:

Jon McDonald and Mr. West reached out to the LDSB and had a meeting with Evergreen. The paperwork has been laid out and it is somewhat cumbersome, but it gives a great idea on how to proceed. Yard improvements are very expensive, for example, Elginburgh repurposed their playground, shaded area, accessibility path, trees and gardens for \$85,000.

We have \$6000 and the paperwork will be done with the steps to move forward. A survey will be sent to students and families to see what they would like to have on the yard. It is possible when the final plan is presented, to do a scaled down version. A great letter from Parent Council would also help with grant applications. (Norah is currently working on one.)

Fundraising:

Facility Services at the LDSB sent out an email regarding vendor fairs held at the school and insurance coverage. It seems that the extra insurance we purchase does not include enough liability coverage. They are asking parent councils to charge \$10.00 extra for regular vendor tables, and \$25.00 extra for food tables. Councils must also submit a list to facility services, prior to the sale, of all vendors participating in the sale and whether they are selling food or not.

Online ordering for hot lunches has gone amazingly well and is so much easier to organize and see who ordered from what classroom. Using the system does require some training, after the parent council meeting in September, we will decide who goes in to learn the system. In the 2019/2020 school year, fundraisers will hopefully be added to the online system as well.

EQAO is coming up and a few parents have asked for their children not to participate. The results from the EQAO testing do not reflect on the school at all, it is absolutely within their rights to have their child abstain from the testing, however if they choose to do so, they must provide their request to the school in writing and have their child stay home from school during testing days.

Earlier in the month, students were asked to put their devices away for the day in the classrooms. It is up to the teachers discretion whether the devices are used or not or if the students are allowed to have them during the school day and there has been no to little negative feedback from the students.

NEXT MEETING: June 13th, 6.00 pm.