

Minutes: December 6, 2018

Treasurer's Report: Approximate balance of \$8, 880.00

Pepperoni Sales: \$398

Poinsettia Sales: \$667

Liv Simple Sales: \$681

Craft Sale: \$2,200

Welcome Trustee Laurie French to the meeting tonight, our meeting and her schedule were able to work together and we were thrilled to have her join us. Trustee French expressed interest in coming and volunteering her time and knowledge in the Maker Space, and we are looking forward to having her come and spend some time with the students.

Principals Report:

Web Attendance/Safe Arrival will be going live in January, hopefully the 14th. Any student absent will have an automatic message go to their parents where they will have the option to select a reason why their child is absent. The automated message will cut down dramatically the time when attendance is taken to when an absence is noted.

Communicate, the automated school message to parents, is working very well. The first test was when buses were stuck on the 401 behind an accident. The system worked very well, and parents were very appreciative and had lots of positive comments about the notification system.

About 40% of families have signed up for the cashless payments, which is very good.

Spirit wear orders have been sent in and items should be arriving to the school before the holidays.

The Maker Space has about 20 kids signed up per month, so far they have participated in sewing, 3D printing, baking and a stained glass workshop will be coming in the new year. Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McCutcheon and Mr. Hill have been working with students this last month on some Christmas crafts.

Some students participated in a GROW workshop where they made smoothies and also a trip to Little Cataraqui for a GROW workshop. Garlic has been planted and will be harvested in the spring and students will have more workshop opportunities coming in the spring after the snow melts and warmer weather is on the horizon.

Math engagement bags have been reorganized adding and removing some materials so there will be more bags available for students to take home. Possibly consider having some sort of math engagement night for families or grandparents day with math related games.

Mrs. Richards class was involved in collecting donations for Morningstar Mission, Mrs. McCutcheon's class collected donations for presents for the patrons of the mission. Mrs.

Richards class was able to go to the mission to make lunch and serve it to the patrons. This was a great representation of the school and what the kids are capable of. It is a great demonstration of empathy and kindness towards others.

The first few days of December brought some stress to area families. There were threats made to Kingston schools which resulted in hold and secure and lockdowns at some area schools. Selby staff was ready and prepared for an event, which thankfully didn't transpire.

Mrs. Volk has been secured for the grade seven class for a long-term position until Mrs. Putnam returns to the classroom.

School expenditure: Staff have talked about purchasing FM systems for the classrooms, this would amplify the teachers voice without the teacher having to yell to be heard and would also benefit students who may have some hearing issues. Each unit is approximately \$100.00 and eight staff members have expressed interest in using a FM system. Parent Council agreed to split the cost and will pay \$450 towards purchasing these units for the school.

As for yard improvements, there is a company called Evergreen that will come and consult with the school as to what possible yard improvements could be done to the playground, this will be further explored in the spring, after the snow is gone.

Next meeting: Thursday February 21, 2019.