



School Community Council Meeting

March 5, 2020

Location: Library

Time: 6 pm

Attendees: Jennifer Speckhard (parent), Michelle Jack (parent), Tara Somerville (parent), Quinn Aasman (student), Zaid Rafiq (student), Beatrix Smith (student), Bethany Boyd-Gilbert (teacher/parent), Kim Tolton (VP), Melissa McEwen (Principal)

Regrets: Alison Dickson (parent), Linda Fraser Waldmann (parent), Derek Lawrence (teacher)

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - We went around the table and did introductions of all members present.
2. Review of minutes from past meeting were approved.
3. **Student Council Report**

Elementary SAC– Beatrix Smith.

- Jan 29th was the last meeting before job action.
- Candy cane fundraiser raised over \$100 for playscape.
- Grade 6 visits from PESCS and Northport are happening on May 6 and 7
- Had planned to have announcements in the mornings but due to job action this has not started.
- The development of the constitution was the first task of the SAC.

Secondary SAC– Zaid Rafiq & Quinn Aasman

- Dec 9-13. Bake sale and Kahoot
- Dec 16-20 spirit days, dodgeball tournament
- Dec 7 Saugeen Shares food drive
- 20K Sock Day. Gathered 75 pairs of socks for those in need
- Christmas holiday assembly was a big success
- Feb 14 Elections: FNMI Student Senator– Sonny Pilon, Student Senator – Taylor Legge
- Just Dance and Pink shirt day in Feb
- Feb Dance was cancelled due to the strike
- Jeff Gerber came for an assembly
- Crush for your Crush for V-day
- March 6-10 spirit days

- Possible Future events:
 - Bigger better semi formal
 - SAC – helping with planning Relay for Life
 - Talks of a school-wide diversity fair

4. Teacher Report

- **Elementary** – Derek Lawrence teacher representative sends his regrets.
- **Secondary – Teacher representative Bethany Boyd.** Looking at getting Leon Leogothetis as a guest speaker. Known for his Kindness Diaries on Netflix and Amazon Prime. The date for the presentation is April 17th. Costs \$3500 to have him come. Saugeen has donated \$1000, ME to WE \$500, SAC for \$500. Bethany has emailed Bruce Power and other places in the community asking for donations as well.
- GSA went to M'Wikwedong Resource Center in Owen Sound on March 4th and met with a group of individuals. Looking for a safe space within the communities for LGBTQ2+ individuals to host board game nights, and other activities.
- Lots of sports wrapping up and Spring sports are getting started

5. **Trustee's report** – Katie Lutz was not available to attend tonight's meeting.

6. **Principal's report** – see attached report

- Mental Health Supports - A suggestion was made to have a brochure created that would outline Mental Health supports within our school and how to access these services.
- Student Handbook – hoping for parents to review the handbook and provide any suggestions or feedback. Action this item for next Parent Council meeting.

7. **Accounting Report** – see attached for details

- Fundraising
- Parent Involvement Grant

8. **Other business:**

- Paul Davis Presentation on April 2, 2020. He is a speaker that is very interesting and dynamic. Will have an Elementary assembly in the AM and Secondary in PM. Evening parent session. Posters will go up in the community, broadcasted on the radio, social media, School Messenger. EPESCS, GC Huston and Northport to share the costs of the speaker.
- Grade 8 Trip Fundraising Update
 - Kernals popcorn due back March 6

- Boston Pizza night March 26
- Some local businesses donating “empties” from St. Patrick’s Day. There were not enough volunteers to do a whole community bottle drive.
- Kidney Foundation Clothing drive March 23-April 6.
- Little Caesars Kits – March 30 – April 14. Delivery April 29
- Elementary Playscape Report. Grade 7 and 8’s were surveyed about what items they would like to have. Bowl Swings, Ga Ga ball pits, more basketball nets were top choices. Storage for items on the yard may be something to purchase in the future. Greening up the space will be needed and a fence is in the process of being built around the shop area. More benches being donated. Pathway will be created at the back of the school with gravel in the spring. Melissa McEwen is awaiting a meeting from Plant to discuss playscape. Input is welcome.

Next Meeting – May 21, 2020 – 6pm in Library