

## **E. I. McCulley School Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23rd 2023 , at 6:30pm.

### **Attendance:**

This meeting was our second council meeting of the year, it was an hour and a half long. For our next meeting, an email will be sent out to parents prior to the meeting regarding the topics to be discussed so that parents and council members can come prepared with all their ideas and queries.

The meeting was attended by;

- Stephanie (School Teacher)
- Sarah Etherington (Principal)
- Kali
- Erin
- Amanda
- Eunice
- Stacey
- Jen
- Chris
- Jennifer
- Neeni

It is important to mention here that there was an election for a new treasurer as the previous one couldn't continue with that role and Eunice is now the newly elected treasurer.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Mad Science – many students have signed up, we will divide into groups and schedule the groups over both breaks on Thursday, and maybe even Monday, registrations still coming in
- New Language Curriculum – teachers receiving PD throughout the year, parents will be informed that only 1 mark will be given for Language this year (previously Reading, Writing, Oral Communication, Media Literacy)
- Progress Reports reports will go home on November 16, and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the evening of November 23. Teachers will provide some additional times to accommodate parent work schedules. Sign up for the interviews will be online so that parents can choose the time that's best for their family.
- Halloween plans – Grade 8 students are planning the carnival style games again this year, a favourite tradition! Students will earn tickets at the games for prize packs that are being made from donated Halloween items and candy. The Halloween costumes that were donated we all given away (about 50 of them). Parents will be invited for the Halloween walk at 9:20 – students will walk through the school, then outside around the school for families.

- Dental Screening – happening early November, parents will be emailed more info

**Finances:** No changes updated yet. Standing still at \$4200.

**Guidelines covered from handbook:**

- Decisions made should aim to include/reach as many students as possible
- Individual funding/support requests go directly to principal
- Aim for 60 min meeting, no longer than 90 mins without a vote
- Any council member who stands to gain financial benefit from a decision must be removed from discussion
- Do events have a low entry point? Accessible to all?
- Consider timing and student identities in all decision making
- Principal cannot vote. Stacey/Jen will be tie-breaker

**Grad hoodies:**

Decision made by council to once again supply customized grad hoodies to students. Sample was provided by potential new vendor.

Decision made by school admin: continue with previous vendor

**Fundraising:** Full participation by all parents and everyone had wonderful ideas to raise funds for this quarter and next. An email was sent informing parents that they can order coffee from Muskoka Roasts coffee brand and a portion of the proceeds will be given to the school. The second vendor is Mom's Pantry and parents can place an order for yummy treats online and again a portion of the proceeds will go into the school's funds.

Other fundraisers discussed to revisit later:

- Read-a-thon : Jan 27 is Family Literacy Day
- Spring plant sale- Meyers
- Scrap Metal in Spring
- Vendor Fair: Fall 2024? Will require sub-committee
- Art Show: bake sale/raffle baskets
- Trivia/Movie Night: pizza and snacks sale
- Krispy Kreme for 2024/25
- Poinsettias for Dec 2024

**Next Meeting:** November 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Holiday Lunch among other things.