

PAC Meeting November 19, 2019

motion to approve agenda - glenn, second - leanna

adoption of minutes - glenn, second - leanna

both carried

Reports

Grandview - Donna Mah

Grandview school - cake walk at winter celebration will be on December 12. In the past QEA has donated 25-40 cakes. Project for this year is to support purchase of volley ball net & badminton net, service provider in Ontario is quoting \$1000 for both nets. Looking for QEA support to help purchase those.

Garden - Chantal

Chantal is working with K class on Fridays. Garden Club kids show up on Fridays at lunch - have planted bulbs and tulips, through planting a promise program. Apples have been harvested. Made a apple crumble and will be making apple sauce soon. Planted garlic, radishes, cover crop and mulching with leaves. Harvested pumpkin seeds - will plant indoors first and then outdoor in summer.

Tree pruning workshop on November 30. Applied for sustainability grant - \$500, to be put towards bee & butterfly garden. Garbage pickup happens most mornings at 8:45. Chantal got a mini wheelbarrow - about \$30 - she would like to get a few more.

Treasurer's report - Nadine

Healthy on balance. Awarded gaming grant - \$1416, less than past years.

Minor changes/amendments to budget.

- garden expenses slightly over - move to up it, from \$400 to \$900
- school experience expenses - move to up it, \$3000 to \$4500
- decrease classroom expense to \$400/class

Motion to approve - Michelle, seconded by Glenn, carried

DPAC report - Leanna

DPAC offered critical help with advocacy support with closure process. There will be a meeting on November 28 about sustainability, 7-9:30 at VSB. Climate action day on Friday November 29.

Hot Lunch - Susan

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out with hot lunch. C'est Mon Cafe will be forwarding funds bi-monthly. Have the correct division numbers when placing orders.

Vice Principals Report - Mark

Hired another teacher for grade one, Mark is doing prep and resource, primarily music, design and library. Pumpkin patch, Halloween assembly, Remembrance Day assembly. Including the preschool to be part of our community. Last week of school before winter break, instead of action ecole, have sing alongs. Last Friday, a small concert for parents.

Blueprint permission forms - using this as a communication tool to give a snap shot of what is happening in the classroom. This will be a portfolio for each student. Some schools use it for students to build portfolio other schools use it as a communication tool. Not been a lot of uptake on this. If you do not want to go along with it, let Mark know.

Two formal report cards - end of January and end of June. Provincial requirement is just one, VSB is doing 2. There must be 5 points of contact throughout the year, be it written reports, conferences, etc. - Where are we, What are we doing, How do we get there.

VSB wanted to standardize and streamline online communication after noticing that many schools were using different platforms, ie FreshGrade.

What age to the children to interface with it on their own? No limit, depends on the teacher.

Potential meeting/info night for Mark to explain and show how the Blueprint program works.

What is the benefit to child?

New Business

Winter Social - Susan

Simple - pot luck, singalong, hot chocolate/cider, musicians bring, song book ahead of time, craft market, 6-7:30

Monday December 9th?

Heather, Glenn & Lia potential volunteer

All proceeds would be donated to Grandview

Food Bank Drive - Susan

Susie and Joanna volunteered to organize a food bank drive in week leading up to winter social. Focus on items each day.

Advocacy committee - Susan

Decided with JQ that the fight is for public education, including parents from Olympic Village, Southlands, Strathcona, Henry Hudson, etc

Advocacy committee created at JQ, should we form one here at QEA? Report at each PAC meeting. Idea is to keep in touch with other schools we have made connections with. Lack of funding being the main culprit.

DPAC said if 10 schools get to together a motion can be tabled at DPAC meeting to have a formal recognition.

What is the next step? Advocating for Olympic Village school?

On the next PAC email.

JQ Advocacy meeting Monday the 25th.

Open House prior to next PAC meeting

FAQ on the website. Put up posters to invite prospective parents.

Meeting adjourned

