

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes - February 7th

Present: Mrs. Link, Mrs. Labelle, Mrs. Dufort, Darrien Smith, Teanna Miller, Brianna Porteous, Sarah Hunter

Absent: Angel Wilkes

### Principal Report:

- 71 students still enrolled in NEPS - dropped due to families moving over Christmas break
- 8 JK's registered for kindergarten next year
- Feb 8th is kindergarten info night
- New EA for the grade ½ class hired
- 95% done for the reading assessments
- Math assessments show that there has been improvements for students, NEPS is recognized as a priority school for math in grades ¾
- Reading programs utilized are YouFly and Haggerty
- attended/will be attending a Real World conference, possible surprise for the school! February 22nd will have more info
- For black history month, informational posters about individuals are around the school, morning announcements recognize individuals as well
- Working on updating the NEPS website
- New financial assistant for NEPS

### Treasurer Report

- Holiday sale: \$610
- Memorial account: \$1186.53
- Council fund: \$500
- Funding: \$637.43
- Expense account: \$158.55
- Champions for Kids can provide \$400/child for events
- Lisa Hendricks maintains the memorial garden

### Teacher Report:

- Report cards done, go home on the 15th
- Reading program looking to start up with volunteers of the community/retired teacher/etc. Trustee Dufort stated that she can promote on UCDSB. Can be promoted on NEPS website, social media.
- Volunteers will need a Vulnerable Sector Check
- Will start with gather interested volunteers to which Mrs. Labelle and MRs. Link will meet to discuss reading techniques and methods.

### Non-Teaching Report:

- Increase in holiday sale from last year (\$58)
- Mrs. Jackson put forth a motion to split the sale profits between the grade 5/6 (\$210) and the K-4 (\$400) to cover year end event costs
- Mr. Blythe booked Silver Lake Camp - Mrs Link to confirm details
- K-4 students are going to the nature museum, \$400 covers bus rental, will still need admission

- Pancake breakfast success!
- One of NEPS grade 6 students recognized for Remembrance Day contest
- Holiday Concert a success!
- Roots of empathy program going very well with baby Loxly, third visit is february 8th
- Public skating taking place before march break
- Kinders had a great winter fun day before Christmas break
- Mr. Fisher retired December, Mrs. Link began January
- Wednesday's for february are theme days: Plaid day, valentine colours day, hat day, pink shirt day in honour of standing up against bullying

#### Old/New Business:

- Parents of council opted to focus fundraising with Family Photo, and Movie Night, possibly a community dinner along with an auction
- Licensing required for movie nights - Mrs. Link to verify
- March 23rd will be the first event of fundraising - Family Photo
- Scheduling of photos to be done via NEPS facebook post for fundraiser
- Annual insurance will be needed for whole year \$100
- Community dinner - more information needed for school requirements, possible to look into local HS students prepping and volunteering
- Fundraisers for NEPS families and open to community
- Mrs. Hunter to follow up with Photographers to determine cost of photos

#### WITS Program:

- Mrs. Link discussed a program that will be taught and practised within the student body called WITS
- In the fall, schools took part in a survey, results showed more interest in students wanting to discuss healthy body image
- Nine grade 5 girls are taking part in the BBBS "Go Girl" program focusing on body image as well as what is bullying, discussing, steps to take, how to manage
- WITS will provide lessons in class as well as what is bullying, discussing, steps to take, how to manage and focuses on the social emotional within students
- Resources sent home

#### Trustee Dufort:

- Previously a principal, teacher within UCDSB
- Previously president for Champion for Kids program
- Our voice for the parent council within the UCDSB
- Role is to support us and our small school

#### Next Meeting:

- March 6th at 6:30pm