

Sherwood Parent Council

26 Sept 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mr Harkness, Yvette, Sherry, Denise, Megan, Margaret, Natalie, Vanessa, Amanda,

- **Principal's Report**

1. grade 1 students in Mrs O'Neill's class were split; some moved to Mrs Ducker's class to keep class numbers even
2. new playground structure was recently installed

- Fundraising Account: balance of \$3757

- Teacher's Report: Ms Poff could not attend tonight

- Meeting day/time:

- group preferred to meet Wednesday nights at 6pm
- group will meet 4 times a year

- 2017 Plans

- Halloween day at Hugli's Ranch for the whole school to attend
- Christmas Craft Fair same day as Santa Clause parade; date TBA
- Bingo in November, Thurs 16th
 - 50/50 draw
 - cash prizes
- Easter Bingo: March 27, 2018
- Chocolate bars: Denise will organize this fundraiser
- Little Cesars pizza kits

- Natalie will help with posting on the Facebook page

- need to get the FB page info added to the newsletter

- Should grade 8s be allowed to leave school grounds during school hours? NO

- Should grade 8s be allowed to go to the high school cafe? NO

- Property issues:

- the drive way/road into the school is in need of repair
- a sidewalk could be added for students walking
- MVDHS students congregate at the front doors at bus time and it makes it hard for Sherwood parents to pick up their kids, etc
 - Mr Harkness will discuss with the high school principle
- Students having to walk through the smoking high school students

- Sherwood dances?

- other schools have dances; it would be good for Sherwood community involvement, boost morale, etc.
- Can Sherwood use the MVDHS field at gym or recess?
- Can Sherwood make use of the township outdoor rink in winter?

Hugli's field trip was a success with students and staff. Great event for building school community.

- Parent Council paid for the transportation/busing.
- 2. Sherwood is participating in NPDL: New Pedagogies for Deep Learning
 - Sherwood's focus is Citizenship, it will encompass all disciplines
 - other schools have had great success with this program
- 3. Holiday concert will be December 19, at 6pm
 - next year we may have a combined concert with the high school
- 4. Audit of finances
 - our bank balance was too high in September
 - we should spend the funds that we raise in the school year
 - we need a specific purpose for fundraising
 - Council needs to know what the teachers/school need so we can contribute
 - we could contribute towards busing costs
 - we could donate funds to the nutrition program, e.g. start a breakfast fund, or provide lunches for kids without
 - Nutrition basket - is used too liberally. How can it be controlled?
 - fruit bowls in the classrooms? will kids eat it?
 - we could try it on days when there is no healthy snack
 - breakfast club from 800-815 (before school)
 - need volunteer(s) to run it, Vanessa offered
 - there may be a different nutrition grant for a breakfast program
 - communication should go home to remind parents to remind students that the snack bowl is for students without enough food
 - Should the snack bowl offer more nutritious option, ie, not granola bars?
- **Newsletter**
 - It was mentioned that important events/reminders are better on the calendar, in the squares
- **Bingo recap (Nov 16, 2017)**
 - approx. 109 people attended
 - cash prizes went really well overall
 - we could incorporate cash prizes into the Easter bingo, e.g., for regular games
 - the float needs more change in it
 - there was again a problem with the legion selling Nevada tickets during bingo, this is not allowed.
- **Craft Fair (Dec 2, 2017)**
 - Canteen:
 - chilli, hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee/tea, pop, water, hot chocolate with whip cream and candy cane, chocolate bars.

- Denise and Sherry will run the canteen
- Margaret and Sherry will make chilli
- Denise will make buns

- Face painting/cookie decorating:
 - from 9am-12pm
 - ask Ms Poff's 7/8s if they will do face painting and cookie decorating
 - Megan will make the cookies (50?), and icing, get decorating items
 - Megan will get face paint
 - we could also ask a high school student who wants volunteer hours

- Music: Sherry will play music

- Margaret offered to send out thank you cards to business/individuals who donate to the raffle table, etc. (get 50 cards with school logo)

- Volunteers need to set up night before and morning of; as well as clean up afterwards
 - Yvette will man the ticket table; handle the money for the day
 - Sherry will set up the raffle table during the week
 - raffle tickets need to be made and perforated
 - there is a bin of Christmas decor/stuff that Krista found
- See if we can get the Valley Gazette to cover the fair; send them a thank you
 - as well see if the radio station would do a live broadcast

- **Christmas lunch** Thursday, Dec 21
 - volunteers needed day before to prep
 - Ask Ms Pff if 7/8s help with prep like last year?
 - high school nutrition students could also help (24 students)
 - students peel potatoes, carrots; cut bread and onions; make cupcakes and icing
 - volunteers needed day of to serve and clean up: Megan, Margaret, Jennifer, Denise, Sherry, and Natalie
 - No visit from Santa, kids will be too excited
 - Mr Harkness to inquire about children who do not participate, can still have the lunch
 - Sherry will provide music
 - any other tasks to assign?

- **Facebook contest**
 - \$25 Pizza Pizza gift card when we reach 100 likes
 - Contact Krista to add to the newsletter
 - include in the morning announcements

- **Moved to next meeting:**
 - 2018 fundraising plans
 - we need fundraising goals
 - consider fundraising options, e.g., option for parents to opt out and pay a "fee" instead
 - planting boxes - didn't Mr Griffiths get a grant in June 2017 to build these?
 - sign paint night in February?

Date for next meeting: 25 January 2018, 6pm