

Maple Creek PAC Minutes

Attendance

- Amanda Dishaw (AD)
- Jennifer Sam (JS)
- Mike Van der Velden (MV)
- Aviad Itckovitc (AI)
- Megan Keller (MK)
- Darren MacMillan, Principal (DM)

Welcome/Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by MV

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was proposed and put forward.
- Discussion about Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony was requested to be added

Business from Past Minutes

- Teachers Wishlist/Big Ticket Items
 - DM presented the Teacher's Wishlist and Big-Ticket Items.
 - \$7,500 – Year-End Carnival
 - Carnival already approved
 - \$6,000 – Wrestling Mats & Jerseys
 - New mats, to be replaced over 3-year period
 - Working with other schools to try and get shipping costs down
 - Wrestling jerseys/singlets
 - \$1,000 – Pop up tents
 - 3 13x13 large canopy tents for different outdoor activities with logo
 - \$500 – Support for Conference
 - \$5,000 - \$200/class (or \$600-\$800-\$1000 per team of classes)
 - In-class and lunch games
 - PHE/Daily PE equipment
 - Support activities (i.e., luncheon/medieval games/guest speakers)
 - There was no vote taken on the requests; to be discussed at next meeting.

Ongoing Business

- Principal's Report (DM)
 - December

- Language Lunches (8 lunches)
- Choir / Band / Exploration Concerts
 - Committee acknowledged the high-quality experience of the concerts
- Santa Pancake Breakfast – 650 attendees
 - Ran smoothly, but estimated 400-450 were parents and elementary school kids as all Westwood students and families this year were invited
 - Staff band was playing (6-8 staff members)
 - Might push school start back last year so more students at MC
- 25+ Hampers and other supports
- January
 - 15 net new students (+18, -3)
 - Staffed for 550 at start of year, now at 610
 - Meeting with the District to state that maximum class sizes should be hit in February, to be discussed
 - Lot of kids in ELL (175 kids, about 1/3 of student population)
 - Wrestling / Basketball / Drama Play
 - Basketball (Gr 6,7,8 Boys teams, Gr 6, 7-8 Girls teams)
 - Wrestling (est. 62 kids)
 - Mr. Obadia back, new EA Position (Salah)
 - New student with accessibility needs being reviewed
 - Art journaling / Yo Bro Yo Girl
 - Access Youth: *Gour-made*
 - Create food kits for families that include how to make the food
 - Support about 100 families in Tri-Cities area
 - Lost their location where they were making their food, new place is going to be Maple Creek cafeteria/kitchen areas.
 - Monday nights the group comes and make the kits, on Tuesday morning they have delivery drivers who distribute them
 - For Maple Creek impact, it's just holding the supplies for the group – hopeful families who need the support can access it
 - This will be happening within the next 3 weeks
 - District will be putting some support behind the program; waiting for proposed changes and then will be implementing changes as current kitchen is quite old and needs updates
 - Pro-D Day: Universal Design for Learning (UDL) / Core Competencies
 - Teachers working towards standardization of report card commentary and understanding of skill levels between teachers
 - Team Stuff: Middle Ages / Luncheons / Slam Poetry / Entrepreneur Fair
- Vice-Principal's Report
 - Material covered in the Principal's Report
- Executive Reports

- Treasurer
 - No report
 - DPAC
 - Assistant Superintendent visited all schools in the district, working with administrative teams
 - Conversation about the legal structure of a PAC
 - By-laws should be available under the school website, MV to follow up with Mr. Robertson to confirm addition and clean-up the PAC page
 - MV advises that in the late 2010s the PAC By-Laws were updated, but they could be reviewed
 - Conversation about holistic nutrition for families from a guest speaker (more geared towards elementary school)
 - Conversation about following up on the Gaming Grant at DPAC, AI will follow up with Treasurer.
- Hot Lunch Report
 - No report
 - Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
 - Debate last year about if Middle Schools across District should have events on same date, Principals from all 14 schools meeting to discuss
 - 10am-12pm time from last year is likely to repeat, with cake and lunch
 - Leaving ceremony sign from previous year can be re-used
 - Review Correspondence / Mail / Communications
 - Conversation about infrastructure. Heat and boilers working, looking at small repairs and cafeteria updates
 - Conversation in the District about the addition of security cameras to Middle Schools
 - School staff have discussed the shootings that occurred in the community over the holiday break
 - Policy and Protocol exist within the school and the team
 - Formal conversations did not happen within the school

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm by MV, seconded by AI