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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time February 12, 2018 | 6:46 pm *Meeting called to order by* Sharon Zerk (chair)

In Attendance

Council

Sharon Zerk, Chair
Jennifer Ho, Treasurer
Terri Sartori, Secretary/Hot Lunch Coordinator
Breanne Adkins, Community Coordinator
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Sandy Truong, Vice Chair

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal

Board

None present

Guests

None present

Absent

Danny Williamson, Teacher Representative
Shannon Middlemiss, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Rhonda Rempel, Member at Large

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve February agenda as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon
- Second – Terri
 - Motion to approve the February agenda was passed at 6:47 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January 15, 2018 minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon
- Second – Breanne
 - Motion to approve January 15, 2018 minutes was passed at 6:48 pm.

New Agenda Items

- None

Treasurer Update (Jennifer)

- Balance is \$3,877.49
 - Token economy - \$1,250
 - Teachers' Conference - \$300
 - Winter Festival - \$1,250
- Would like to create teacher appreciation when parents can bring in food for the teachers. The food would need to include the recipe. If we did a luncheon, we would need to arrange for classroom supervision and this has resulted in behavioral issues in the past. The teachers can just come and get a plate but this wouldn't have the same effect. If we did a later lunch we could put the students in the gym and the teachers' in the art room. The students could watch a character video with a few parent volunteers. Shawna will talk to the teachers about a date and get back to us. We are likely looking at April timeframe.

Teacher Representative (Danny)

- No update

Fundraising (All)

- Spell-a-thon is coming up. Forms have been distributed.
- Survey went out. Interesting to note there was feedback about chocolate sales. It is difficult as a parent to differentiate between SLC and Student Council initiatives. We may need to coordinate with them better next year.
- The high school no longer does bedding out plants. They didn't have a great response.
- We can wait until March's meeting to make a decision until after we have the results of the fundraising from the spell-a-thon.

Community (Breanne)

- Nothing to update.
- The teachers were thankful for the dinner during parent conferences.
- Thanks to Breanne for getting all the spell-a-thon stuff ready. We still need to send out an email for volunteers but will wait until after Winter Festival.

Hot Lunch (Shannon/Terri)

- Fun lunch in February will be The Lunch Lady. So far, we have 238 orders.
 - NWE had issues with this vendor so will need to be prepared for extra prep time again. Fingers crossed it goes better than expected.

Parental Partnership (Susan)

- Not doing anything right now as Brenda is organizing Winter Fest.

Administration Update (John/Shawna)

- Doing professional growth plans with staff the last couple of weeks.
- This is a busy week with field trips and Winter Fest. 250 people have RSVP'd for Winter Fest.
- 2 connections with the High School in the upcoming week. On Wednesday, they will be coming in to talk about electives with the grade 8 and various students will be coming in For the Love of Reading. The Love of Reading initiative came from a former FFCA student and how she wished she could have told her younger self about the importance of reading. This was done with the Grade 6's last year and has been expanded to all grades this year. They will be talking about their progression and some of their favorite books.
- Wednesday will be vaccinations for the Grade 5.
- There is a PD day on Friday and they have a packed agenda. In 2 months, they will be getting together with SMS and the focus will be on mental health.

Board Update (Admin/Sharon)

- Decision to remove the board update for future meetings as there is no longer a board member attending.
- The next board meeting is next Thursday at NWE.

ASC Update (Sharon)

- Changes to the breaking bread and community fund amounts. What's important?
 - Would like to make the community fund \$1,900 and breaking bread would be \$200. The total amount paid would be the same but it would be allocated differently.
 - Bridge building is a priority.
 - Would like to maintain For the Love of Reading.
 - Anything that helps reduce the anxiety when moving schools should be promoted.
- In-Lieu idea – SMS raised \$10,300
 - May be a little late to do it this year but should be a priority for next year.
 - Can consider a cash call for this year but will discuss further after we know how much money we got from the spell-a-thon and how much we need to raise.
- Idea to twitter anti-bullying poster winners
 - Shawna to look into this.
- SWE – Idea of sending out a campus list of supplies to borrow between schools
 - This can save rental costs at events. We have a popcorn machine, 2 fire pits and cotton candy machine.

- We agree that this is a good idea and will add our items to the list.
- Sign-up Genius idea
 - It works really well. Susan will take a look at it. NWE has used it successfully.
- North East Elementary put their school on Edsby. Is this something we would want to consider? Shawna will talk to Midge and Crystal about how they use it.
- The Phoenix cup was postponed due to the storm.
- There is a High School career fair on March 9. They are arranging for parents to come in and talk about their profession. The application deadline was last week.
- They had 100 new kids at the high school this year. Registration will begin Feb 26.
- We have z-bars and juice boxes in storage. They can be used for vaccinations or at the Winter Fest.
- High school fundraiser ongoing with Hitmen and ASC fundraiser upcoming with Roughnecks.

Next Meeting

March 19, 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Goals of Parent Council...

- To increase Parental Partnership involvement and have all families feel welcomed.**
- To make sure that our students are number one in all our decision making.**