

Minutes for Leslie Thomas SAC meeting - February 28th , 2023

In Attendance: Jennifer Roy, Derek Ferguson, Cheryl Harnett, Andrea Doucette, Michelle Wright, Parker Hillier and Krystal Denney.

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Principals Report:

School Dance was held on February 23rd. We opened the doors earlier and that worked well to get students in the building sooner. Feedback was mostly all positive and had about 200/310 students there.

For student wellbeing, we have had a few guest speakers for African Heritage Month.

Sam Reid - Sang songs and was interactive, with presentations for all grades, we also had african dancing and drumming in the Gymnasium during phys ed periods this week.

School field trips are up and running, English grade 7's went to the discovery center on february 17th and all Grade 8's went to the Museum of Natural history

150-160 students are going to the oval for skating on Friday, March 3rd.

February is registration month and also band notifications were sent home to see who's interested for next year. Will look at those numbers at our next meeting since they are all due by the end of February.

Lockdown drill on February 16th, second one of the year.

On March 2nd we will be finishing our "100 dollar dash" (used to be called penny wars)
We have raised roughly \$700 for that and usually tattletales add to that as well.

Student of the month for November:

Grade 6 Landis Payne and Jarvis Hamilton

Grade 7 Victoria Hudson and Gracie MacIlsac

Grade 8 Riley Webb and Cameron Wright

Student of the month for December

Grade 6 Ethan Wood and Cadence Whynacht

Grade 7 Ella Boudreau and Isabella Young

Grade 8 Theseus Wozney and Meg Mercader

Breakfast Program : We have started letting students come into the school at 8:45 in the mornings (if they choose too)

We have acquired a second toaster and 3 new blenders. Kids are enjoying the warm toasted items but we want to start doing smoothies soon to add variety.

Looking for volunteers for the breakfast program, so maybe we can spread the word. Jennifer Roy mentioned she could likely start helping in Mid-April.

Jennifer Roy brought up the Book Fair. Mentioned she spoke with the librarian but she didn't seem to want to take on the project at this time.

Derek mentioned that they were concerned that it takes a lot of volunteer commitment and that we don't have enough people that have offered to do that at this time, so maybe we can look into it again for next year. Krystal offered to help with it next year, so we will touch base on it again in September. It's hard when we only have the librarian 2x a week.

Michelle asked how much profit we make on the dance. Derek said it's about \$1000-\$2000. \$8/each at the door and about 200 students.

D.J is \$400, plus they have a canteen.

Next dance is on May 11th.

Finance report: We have \$5050 in the account as we spent \$300 on Mi'kmaq stories and the interactive assembly was \$325 plus tax. We do have other grants that we are using to subsidize field trip costs, mostly for bussing.

Money requests:

#1 French Programming - We are using our Speech Language Pathologist to work on phonics and reading for some english students and French Immersion students in english, but Crystal Isert has identified a French Phonics Program that she found online for the french speaking students that is \$60.

Motion to approve \$60 for French Phonics Program

Motion has been paused as Michelle wanted to hear all requests before voting on each so that we could have a grand total. Other 2 requests are for \$135 and \$1400 so now that we have the grand total we can go ahead and vote.

Motion to approve by Cheryl Hartnett

Seconded by Michelle Wright

#2 Math Numeracy - Centered learning: Purchasing more puzzle books, games etc for math centers/skills. This would be supplied for 135 students. Supplies were purchased at the beginning of the year and have shown to be successful for the students so they are hoping to add to their supplies to keep the kids engaged.

Motion to approve \$135 for school wide math center supplies

Motion approved by Krystal Denney

Seconded by Michelle Wright

#3 Phys Ed Dept is requesting a "9 square in the air" game (for class and intramurals) The one that Mr. Hulshoff had is no longer standing. There is a commercial version we can buy which can be used inside or can be disassembled and taken outside for outdoor use as well. It's a favorite amongst students

Motion to approve \$1472 for commercial version "9 square in the air game"

Motion approved by Cheryl Harnett

Seconded by Michelle Wright

Next meeting dates are April 25th and May 30th. They were changed at the last meeting to allow longer coverage throughout the year. Hopefully we can meet in person for those but virtually will be fine too if that's what works for most. We will decide a week before the next meeting or could potentially do a highbred model and allow both options.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08