

5. Principal and Vice-Principal's Action Items / Info. Update

Christine

- The defibrillator has now been installed in the front lobby by the office. The Board will have them installed in all schools by September 2018. Training on its use is now included in first aid training although the paramedics have indicated the unit will talk the user through the use of the device.
- There have been ongoing challenges with booking supply teachers when needed. Each school has now been assigned a Designated Occasional Teacher (DOT) who shows up at the school Monday to Friday and who will be used if needed. If not, they can be re-assigned through the normal occasional teacher process. Henry Larsen's DOT is Mrs. Van Herten.
- Report cards will be going home on February 14. The PD Day on January 26 will be used to work on these report cards.
- Kindergarten information evening is January 18 with registration taking place January 22-26. While registration is an ongoing process, early registration allows for proper staffing to take place.
- School transfer application period is February 5-20. If someone wants to attend this school but is not in the catchment area, they must apply to transfer to this school.
- Just completed interviews for the half-time office assistant position in the office. Jennifer Lafrenière will replace Paula Fitzgerald.

Mireille

- Winter Activity Days for Grades 6-8—will likely be a single day where 3 options of activities will be provided.—date still to be determined.
- Grade 7 students will be going to MacSkimming outdoor education centre for 1 night of outdoor camping on February 13, 14 or 15. Mrs. Morris explained that they will do winter activities, a night walk, learn survival skills all while covering the history curriculum.
- The introduction of online cash to pay for school activities has been a learning curve but it is getting up and running.
- The inflatable planetarium was brought to the school the week before Christmas as planned. A few students struggled with the enclosed nature of it but in general the experience was very positive. Jennifer noted that in the future, it may be worthwhile to have a student “runner” going to remind classes when it is their turn as at least one class only had a 5 minute visit as the teacher forgot.
- Information night for parents at Cairine Wilson is January 24
- Information night for parents at Lisgar is January 18
- Grade 8 students will be bringing home their option sheets shortly for completion along with recommendations from their teachers about taking academic vs applied classes. Mrs Morris reported that the grade 8s are using Career Cruising software to help them look at

- their skills and their interests and how they can be turned into careers. It shows the students what type of classes they need to take to get to their final goal.
- Grade 8 grad pictures are March 6
 - The Algonquin College students at the school, along with Mme. Paquette as a supervisor, are running a drop-in support group for students at recess. The students can obtain help or support on any number of issues.
 - For Grades 6-8, True Sport “Olympic Activities” are taking place Feb 1 for boys and Feb 8 for girls. This is a fun activity being offered by Ms Hussey, Mme Lynne and Ms. E, after school

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Food orders are now available by paper or online

7. Website Update

- Ryan was not able to attend.

8. Treasurer’s Report

- Tara sent a report via email
- Council currently has \$3900
- There was a request from Mr Pretty that covered music stands (\$535), music chairs (approx.. \$1650) and two carts for moving the music stands around the school for performances (\$1200). A discussion was held about various options to help support the strong music program at Henry Larsen. Tracey proposed that \$1500 be given to the music program to be used on priorities as decided by Mr Pretty. This was seconded by Dawn. All voted in favour. Although this did not cover the full amount of his request, we said he could ask again at the end of the year if there are funds remaining.

9. Fundraising

- A discussion was once again held about balancing the need for fundraising with the need to be reasonable and smart about the number of fundraisers. Council agreed to the following fundraisers in the coming months:
 - Easter Purdy’s
 - St-Alberts Cheese
 - Bags2School
 - Spring Boston Pizza Night
- Additionally, changes may be made to this depending on the success of the various fundraisers and on the needs of the school.

10. Henry’s Cool Yard

- Christine will follow-up with Dan Fournier again about the Form 700 for the outdoor classroom

11. Other Business

- Paint Nite—Jennifer reported that to date only 15 families had signed up. Part of the issue appears to be that some classes did not get the forms sent home until after the deadline. Jennifer is continuing to work on logistics for the evening and will need help to set up the tables etc before the event.
- Fun Fair date has been set for June 2—sub group will meet on January 29 at 630 pm in the library to start discussing details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, February 12 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.