

- Melissa and Jennifer discussed the PRO grant application process for next year. Various theme options were discussed. Application must be submitted in May. Melissa will start completing the form and additional discussions will be had at the next meeting.
- Allocation of Fun Fair funds was discussed for this year's fun fair only. A discussion was held and as the school yard has sufficient funding for its current request of an outdoor classroom, it was agreed that all funds raised as part of the fun fair this year should be evenly divided between the music program, the physical education program and the general Council funds. Motion proposed by Ryan, seconded by Kate. All in favour.

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

- Musicfest: Jazz band won triple gold at the regional competition; Concert band won gold at the regional competition. Both bands will be going to the Musicfest Nationals in May in Toronto
- Basketball season is wrapping up this week.
- Christine is trying to get the official policy on bouncy castles and their operation by volunteers rather than company staff. She will share this once she has it.
- School Learning Plan: There continues to be a focus on numeracy as it applies across all subject areas. Students are being taught critical thinking and strategies to go from inquiry to solution. An increase in confidence leads to an increase in success and a decrease in anxiety. The school will also begin a focus on "Zones of Regulation" which will help the students identify and deal with their emotions. They will learn strategies for dealing with their different emotions. Visuals and common language will be used across the classes and the grades so that all students are on the same page when discussing this. They will develop strategies that work for them to help them understand why they are feeling a certain way. They will learn to acknowledge differences in how a problem is perceived by different people and will learn to acknowledge that people will have different reactions to the same issue and will learn how their reactions impact those around them. **Note:** Zones of Regulation was suggested as a possible topic for the PRO grant application for next year.
- Updates on staffing for next year will likely be discussed with Council members at the April or May meeting
- Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Numbers are similar to last year at this point.
- Graduation pictures are March 6
- Pictures have been removed from the wall in the hall leading to the library. These were old pictures so the school would like to refresh them with a focus on school activities as opposed to on individual classes.
- Displays in the front lobby will be modernized—remove old pictures and install new bulletin boards that will be refreshed and updated as things go on in the school (focus on the School Learning Plan, mental health initiatives and school activities). It will be a more inviting environment as people enter the school.
- Kiwanis music festival is tentatively booked for April 3-5
- Grade 8 leaving ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 27

- One of the old benches was damaged by the snow plows over the winter. Christine has informed the site supervisor and is hopeful that they will fix/replace it.
- Christine has been speaking again with the site supervisor from the Board (Greg Boyd) about the triple/long jump pit that we would like to see built in the school yard.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- The We Club will be participating in “We Are Silent” day where they will not speak to stand up for those that don’t have a voice. Plans are underway for communicating about this initiative. The day selected is March 29 and there will be announcements every day leading up to the actual day. This is an awareness campaign only. Club members will participate for the full day and others can join them for part or all of the day if they wish.
- Staff have agreed to collect theme based items for raffle baskets for the Fun Fair. A notice will be sent home with students after March Break.
- Yearbook development will be starting up after March Break
- Math Olympics are taking place in April at Cairine Wilson. If there are interested students, Mrs. Morris will take teams to the grade 5/6 and/or grade 7/8 events.

7. Website Update

- No update.

8. Treasurer’s Report

- No update

9. Fundraising

- Final date for St. Albert cheese and Purdy’s chocolate is March 8

10. Henry’s Cool Yard

- Christine contacted Dan Fournier regarding the outdoor classroom and he said we should meet soon to start discussions. Christine will tell him to book a date and then we will ensure that someone is available from the committee.

11. Other Business

- Fun Fair committee met after the meeting

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, April 9@ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.