

Present: Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon, Yota Skederidis, Nina Lipsi, Georgia Lazaridis, Antonia Markos, Irene Tsirlis, Franca Esposito, Diane Jones

Approval of Minutes

Georgia Lazaridis moved to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2018 SAC meeting. Nina Lipsi seconded the motion.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Principal Cohen expressed a concern from the school librarian around an increasing number of library books being lost. The school may opt to introduce a fee that will be charged for lost books.
- The new sound system has arrived from Long & McQuade and the entire school has already started enjoying it. We are excited to showcase it for the upcoming Winter Concert.
- Winter Concert – December 20 at 6pm (rehearsal at 1pm on December 19)
- Principal Cohen thanked everyone for the donations to date. We have received \$4,300 to date through the Donation Program and one anonymous donation of \$4,150 to fund the purchase of 15 additional Chromebooks.
 - In addition to the School-wide math resources SAC agreed to use donation funds for an additional “Scientist in the school” for each classroom. This will support science lessons for each grade.
- Updated Wish list was shared with council:
 - Grade 1 and 2 Mathology kit (\$2,880)
 - TV for Library and Foyer (\$540 each)
 - Classroom Movement Starter Kit, includes 3 chairs & 2 stools (\$995 + tax each)
 - Potential upgrades to the library to go with new carpet tiles – amount to be determined
 - Little Readers levelled books (TBD)

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance is currently \$17,835.20
- Expenses for Friday Lunches (\$525) and cheque order fees (\$137)
- Estimated lunch expenses of \$5,400 and Raz Kids membership (\$990) and Sound System Costs (\$4,675) are still expected to clear the bank, leaving approx. \$6,800 to be allocated.

Spending Update

- Council agreed to fund the following spending from general funds:
 - Grade 1 and 2 Mathology kit, which is now estimated to cost \$2,881; the kits will be ordered shortly
- Council agreed on the following additional spending from the donation program funds:
 - “Scientist in the school” for each classroom. This will support science lessons for each grade.

Fundraising Update

- Friday lunches are going well, additional pizza is being ordered to ensure there will be sufficient pizza for students and volunteers.

Special Events

- Winter Concert:
 - Raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back December 13th.
 - Early bird draw will be held on Monday December 17th for front row seats
 - Additional Raffle tickets will be available for sale the night of the Concert

- Cookies and bottled water will be sold for \$1.00 at the Concert
- Family Fun Night
 - Movie night at the school Thursday January 17th. Save the date flyer will be sent out soon!

Anti Bullying

- As a follow up to our November meeting discussion with respect to bullying in the school Principal Cohen shared the various actions that have since been taken to continue to bring awareness to the students on this topic.
 - On Monday November 26th Police Liaison (Officer Claudia) presented three separate Safety presentations to students
 - Principal Cohen reached out (and cc'd our school Chair) to our Social worker (Randolph Sealey); Our School police liaison; and school Public Health nurse with regards to setting up both student and parent presentations around Bullying prevention and awareness as it pertains among other things to the 'Bullied, the Bully and the Bystander'.
 - Principal Cohen and SAC chair reached out to Doctor Karyn Gordon to arrange a presentation for both parents and students
 - Principal Cohen and SAC chair met with Public Health nurse Michelle Simpson
 - The school is looking to introduce the Pals Program in mid January. Peer training sessions, with selected Grade 4-6 students, will be held with Nurse Michelle Simpson on January 14th and January 21st.
 - On Monday January 21st at 6 p.m., Social Worker Randolph Sealey will be holding an Anti Bullying presentation at the school for Parents and Guardians, more details to come shortly.
- The school continues to share the message with students that they MATTER and remain supportive of parents concerns and are willing to work together to continue to develop a safe and caring environment for our Bridlewood Community!
- Where there are concerns, parents are reminded to raise them with the school administration as soon as possible so that the concern can be addressed quickly. While the topic can be facilitated initially by a member of parent council, it is not the role of council to be involved with a specific incident. It was also discussed that there are differences between bullying and conflict – parents can confuse the two – both need to be addressed, but the messaging is different.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are reminded that they can voice their concerns to council at any time by speaking to any member of council or through the bridlewoodchair@gmail.com email address.

APPENDIX

DECEMBER Dates

Dec 3-5 Fire Fighter presentation
Dec 3-14 Food Drive and Clothing Drive
Dec 6 Pasta Lunch
Dec 6 White Ribbon Campaign
Dec 7 PA Day reporting and Assessment
Dec 10 SAC 6:30 – 8:00
Dec 12 Gr. 2/3 and 3/4 Ling & Tessier @ Forrest Valley
Dec 12 McDonald winter Concert
Dec 13 Ukulele Class ends
Dec 14 Hamburger Lunch
Dec 14 Holiday Dress-up and or ugly sweater spirit day
Dec 19 Winter Concert Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Dec 20 Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.
Dec 21 Winter arrives
Dec 21 Pizza Lunch
Dec 21 Food Drive pick up
Dec 21 Recognition Assembly & Festive Sing-A-Long,
Spirit Day Theme: Pajama Day and stuffed animal
Dec 24- Jan 4 Winter Break