

## Parent Council Minutes: May 17, 2016

- Called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- There were 11 people in attendance.
- Secretary's report given by Larissa Koshel. Seconded by Joanne Greer.
- Treasurer's report given by Leslie Dyke. Seconded by Larissa Koshel. Account balance is \$5155.79.
- No correspondence at this time.
  
- Principal's report:
  - Currently 470 students enrolled.
  - New staff hired for 2016/2017 school year:
    - Trent Joye – Grade 5
    - Leah Mabon – Grade 5
    - Caitlyn Schafer – Grade 4
    - Heather Brister – Grade 2
    - Ali Evescyn – Grade 1
    - Heather Ponscak – will continue teaching Kindergarten.
  - There will be major classroom shifts for next year.
  - Morning and afternoon recesses will continue to be staggered. Lunch time will also be staggered. Details still being worked out.
  - “Walk for Toonies” is being held on May 31. Students will be walking around Neepawa with marked buckets, collecting money for our new playground. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more. The walk will be followed by a community BBQ hotdog lunch. The supplies for the BBQ have all been donated by local businesses. All money raised will be matched by the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation, up to \$15,000. There is also a possibility of having the donations matched again by the Community Foundations of Canada. Also, on May 31, Dairy Queen is going to donate half of their sales between 5-8pm to our playground fund.
  - Target to raise for the playground is \$100,000-\$120,000, with a target for completion in Fall 2017.
  - The Buddy Bench has been built and is currently being painted in a colourful pattern.
  - Camp trip raffle tickets raised \$3100, to be put towards the 2017 trip.
  - The Spring Fling, held at the Yellowhead Hall, was a huge success! The plan is to use the same venue next year. The silent auction raised \$1350 and another \$560 was raised from the silver collection. All these proceeds go to the Playground Fund. Thank you to everyone for their generous support and to the local businesses & individuals that donated prizes.
  - “Meet the Teacher” night will be September 6. First day of the 2016/2017 school year is September 7.
  
- Miss Tester attended our meeting to request money from the Parent Council fundraiser, to upgrade some worn out instruments. Four glockenspiel instruments can be purchased at a reduced rate of \$726.75. Larissa Koshel made a motion to approve this purchase. Seconded by Leah Sumner

- Allotment of money raised by the DFS fundraiser:

\$727 – Glockenspiel instruments

\$773 – Literary fund

\$3000 – Playground fund

- DFS fundraiser – discussed doing this again for the Parent Council fundraiser for next year, as it was very successful. We will continue the option to do on-line orders. It is not mandatory for items to be purchased. We are going to add the option of making a donation if you don't want to buy anything.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.
- Next meeting September 27, 7 pm.