

**Minutes - Parent Council Meeting
March 5, 2019**

Attendance: Judy Whetstone, Skip Gordon, Jill Herbert, Val Ulliac, JP Grebenc, Lea Kulmatycki, Ady Arbuckle, Lindsey Decker, Chantal Devigne, Vania Lloyd, Carolyn Vankleek, Cheryl Popik and Jennie March

1. Call to order @ 9:38 am
2. No minutes from last meeting
3. Chair Report - COSC Meeting is tomorrow, so really nothing to report
4. Reading Program Update - Mme Kulmatycki is trying lots of things with the Gr 2-3 to improve sight word reading, such as pulling students out of class for 2 minutes to go over words. She also has the Div 2 students helping the Div 1 kids. She is hoping to have someone come in to help do writing for the dyslexic students.
 - She is working with a consultant from EIPS to have each student write one piece of work each semester to track his/her progression.
 - Also hoping to find parents to donate stuffed bears for the Re-Reading Program she is running, where students read to the bears they have been given.
5. Board Report
 - a) at the Jan Board Meeting the Board approved changes to the German programming at Mills Haven ES. The German Bilingual program will move to a German language and culture program starting in Sept 2019. The decision was made based on low enrolment numbers, funding and language arts instruction requirements. The program transition will take place over the next 5 years to carry the current students through.
 - b) the new Wye Elementary (yet to be named) has been approved as a second location to offer French Immersion programming to help take some of the load off Campbelltown. It will offer dual track English and French starting in Sept 2020. The replacement school being built in Heritage Hills will open with a cap of two French immersion classes per grade.
 - c) Board has approved for the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 division calendars. Highlights include:
 - First day of school - Sept 1, 2020
 - Fall Break - Nov 9-13, 2020
 - Christmas Break - Dec 23-Jan 5, 2021
 - Spring Break - Mar 29-Apr 2, 2021
 - Last day of classes - June 25, 2021
 - d) a student forum on cell phone and personal device usage was held Feb 28 as the first step of a Board plan to formulate a policy on usage of these devices in the classroom for EIPS.
6. Administration Report
 - a) Juana @ EIPS Solution Navigator visited. Her role is a bit like a social worker and she provides referrals for students with specific needs not handled through the school. The service is free for families, and the office has her number for anyone interested in contacting her.
 - b) Fee Schedule for 2019-20 school year was reviewed
 - c) Gr 4 students came to talk about what is happening in the school

d) New Curriculum - is being rolled out. It will be discussed at length in Apr or May meeting once the teachers have familiarized themselves with it further

e) Jump to Math - decals for the hallways and parking lot for shoes have arrived, and Mrs. Whetstone gave everyone a preview of how they look.

7. CPF Report - Carnival is Mar 21. Everything is booked and Carolyn is sending out a link to Sign-Up Genius for volunteers to use directly. Mrs. Whetstone will forward on to the parents. There needs to be a meeting to vote on what is covered by membership fees. A membership drive is necessary to keep enrolment up - the vote is being held at the next meeting.

8. Other Business

a) Don't Walk in the Hallways Decal - Val has offered to take it home and cut it out. Yay for Val! The total cost is \$689.00 less \$229 for the shoe parking lot that the school will absorb the cost of directly.

b) Questions / Motions from the Floor - Vania says she has been fielding a lot of questions from parents wondering why we don't do Long Distance Running like most of the other schools in the area. She is willing to head it up if we can find a staff member to supervise. Will check with other schools for fees so it can be added to the fee schedule before it becomes final.

9. Next meeting- April 9th 6:30 - 7:30 in Learning Commons.

10. Motion to adjourn by Vania Loyd @ 10:45 am.