

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD
SCHOOL COUNCIL
May 18, 2017

Present:	Michelle Preville-Hall	Dana Wigne	Jessica Abraham
	Paul Smith	Maryse Lessard	Thomas Andrews
	Melissa Manolescu	Erin Keca	Luana Donahue

1. 2. Call To Order, Introductions, Agenda, and Minutes:

a. Call to Order: 6:40 p.m. (Quorum Was Met)

b. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion:

To accept March 16, 2017 Agenda with the additions of 5. G Pedestrians in Staff Parking Lot and 6. C Networks.

Moved and seconded.

Jessica and Michelle

Motion:

To accept Minutes from March 16, 2017

Moved and Seconded:

Jessica and Dana

3. Standing Items:

a. Health and Wellness/Apple School Update

- Apple is now funded through the provincial government. It will run next school year.

b. Leader in Me

- Paul discussed the eighth habit; From Effectiveness to Greatness. Find your inner voice and inspire others to find theirs. The eighth habit uses the four intelligences (mental, physical, emotional and spiritual) to help people with a moral sense of what is right and wrong and what helps them achieve meaning and contribution to society.

4. Old Business

a. 2017/2018 Calendar Update

- It was agreed upon to make the calendar in black and white; except for the cover. It would be easier and more cost effective to use the big Xerox machine instead of the little printers. The Xerox will also fold and staple the calendars, reducing the workload.

5. New Business

a. ASCA AGM Report

- All resolutions passed, some had wording changes.
P17-01 changed to with parent involvement and parent consent by qualified personnel.
P17-07 and P17-08 passed with no amendments.

b. School Computer Filters

- The FMPD Tech Department is responsible for installing Internet filters on student use computers. They do this on a regular basis, however, Google Images cannot be filtered.

c. Class Sizes

- Parents are wondering if smaller class sizes would help make it more manageable for the teachers. For cost effective purposes the school needs at least 20 students per class in order to justify the expense of hiring a teacher.

d. PEAK Truck/Trailer Parking

- Would like to see if it is possible for the PEAK truck and trailer to unload the gear and then pull up at least 20 feet so it does not block the entrance to the bus loop.

e. June Meeting / AGM Agenda Review

- June meeting changed to June 7th at 6:30pm. Agenda for June meeting includes primarily the election of executive members.

f. June Meeting / AGM Attendance

- Would like to brainstorm on how to get more parents to come out to meetings. One suggestion includes giving info pamphlets at the welcome back BBQ. Would like to liaise with PAC, as well.

g. Policy Regarding Students Walking Through Staff Parking Lot

- Parents are confused on what is the protocol regarding the staff parking lot on the side of the school. Students are encouraged to use the sidewalks around that area but parents are not aware and typically walk with their children through the middle of the parking lot. For safety reasons this is not ideal. Having a “no moving vehicles” policy is not realistic since EA’s often park there and are finished when the bell rings at 3:40pm. Parents would like communication to be sent home with what is being told to their kids so they can follow the rules as well.

6. Reports

a. Principal

- May 3rd went well and we had a good turn out for the Dickinsfield Strong picture. 27 students did go speak with the mental health staff at the school that day.
- Representatives from Tzu Chi Canada were at the school to observe our Leader in Me program. They had a positive experience.
- Discover E (U of A students) was also at the school doing a workshop about engineering, science and technology.
- Currently raising money for a student in grade two who is battling aplastic anemia. So far over \$9400 was raised. Still have the book sale, the school dance and the movie night to factor in later. Good work students!

b. Parent Association

- Casino raised \$42000, lower than previous years but still a huge amount of money for the school.
- Almost all wish lists items from this year were funded.
- May 30th is their budget meeting at 9:15am.

c. Networks

- Previous meeting, the topic for discussion was Concussion Protocols. Next meeting is June 12th at 7pm.

7. Meeting Dates

- June 7, 2017 - AGM

Adjourned 8:55pm