

McLean School Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018, 8:00 pm

In attendance: Crystal Hrbachek, Crystal Bigalky, Anngie Spencer, Trudy Dickoff, Tanya Elkin, Georgina Levesque, Sara Potter, Sara McCullough, Tanja Wilson, Lisa Lockie, Michele Owens, Jenna Devine, Victoria Ritco, Lisa Hampson.

Regrets: Kim Delesoy, Janet Kotylak

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

PVSD report – Janet Kotylak

- Not available

School report provided by Ms Hrbachek.

- Enrolment is at 105.
- Cross Country running is wrapped up.
- Volleyball is in progress and a tournament will be taking place Oct 20th in McLean. The boys are not registered with the league as they only have 6 players but they will participate in the tournament and 4 games.
- Art Club will begin at the end of October.
- LIP goals were shared with parents during the presentation tonight during Open House.
- Christmas Concert will be held on December 20th.

Rec Board Report

- Halloween party will take place on Sunday, October 21st from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- Jenna and Trudy will attend the Rec Board meetings on behalf of the SCC and will advise us if they are unable to attend so another committee member can attend and report on behalf of the SCC.

Financial Report provided by Anngie Spencer.

Our Year End Financial Report has been provided to PVSD and a copy was shared at the meeting. For the period ending August 31, 2018, total income was \$9226.71, total expenses were \$7051.11, leaving a net surplus of \$2175.60. Our bank balance at August 31, 2018 was \$8293.23.

Current bank balance is \$9414.03 which includes the TIPS grant of \$1120.80. There is additional \$21.88 to be deposited from the ongoing Mabel's Labels fundraiser.

Century Celebration Fund had a balance of \$6852.88 as of September 7, 2018.

We received proof of post-secondary enrollment for Shelby Lockie.

Sara M made a motion to pay the award of \$250 to Shelby. Seconded by Tanja W. Motion passed. Cheque #74 in the amount of \$250 for Shelby Lockie.

Expenses:

- Angie Spencer - \$13.01 for cups and iced tea for the Open House (CH #76)
- Sara M - \$96.37 for cross country run, open house and Gotcha's (CH #77)
- Sara P - \$245.51 for cross country run (CH#80; #78 voided as the fire department paid the SCC directly for leftover water they bought)
- Lisa Lockie - \$50 for Gotcha's (CH #79)

Trudy Dickoff made a motion to pay Angie, Sara M, Sara P and Lisa for expenses. Crystal Bigalky seconded it. Motion passed.

Cross Country Run

The Cross Country run was held October 2nd and 245 students from 15 schools were registered. The weather was cold, snowy and rainy but we decided not to cancel. We had a good turn out even with the snow and everything went smoothly. We will be altering the route for next year to keep students away from the intersection of Main Street and the Number 1 Highway.

Century Celebration Award

The recipients for the 2017/2018 school year were Jordan Witkowski and Shelby Lockie. At the meeting At the April 26th, 2018 meeting a motion was passed that only 1 recipient would receive the award each year. This did not get communicated to Greenall so two awards were given out. Angie will talk to Ryan Harding at Greenall to advise in the future there will only be one recipient. As discussed previously, the recipients will be recognized in the fall school newsletter.

School Grounds

Over the summer, improvements were made to the landscaping in the front of the school. The overgrown bushes were removed and grass was seeded by PVSD and it looks much nicer. There was a Directional Pole/Peace Pole that was previously in the corner of the flower bed that needs to be cleaned up before it is re-installed. The history of this pole was unknown so we are going to try to get some background before we decide what to do with it. Crystal B will check with Dorothy Schettler and Tanja Wilson will check with Ms Nye to see what the history is and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Summer Books/Birthday Books

The summer book bag program was a success and all grades (K-7) received a bag this year. Two families moved away and the books were not returned. Seven other books were not returned (out of a total of approximately 700 books that were handed out). This program seems to be a success and we would like to continue support of it.

In the past, each student has received a \$5 coupon at the book fair time to purchase a book for their birthday courtesy of the SCC. The student will receive their coupon at the book fair closest to their birthday and the coupon must be used to purchase a book (not a poster, pencil, etc).

Sara P made a motion that the SCC support the Birthday Book program by funding \$5 per child in the form of a coupon. Tanya E seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Christmas Concert and Raffle

In the past, we have asked families to donate items that are made into Christmas hampers that are raffled off. Tickets are provided to each family and students sell the tickets. This is a very profitable fundraiser for the SCC and we will discuss this more at the November meeting.

We have also done a cookie sale in the past. The income is approximately \$460 from this and the uptake for donations seems to be on the decline. We will discuss this further and determine whether we continue this or replace it with something else (50/50 tickets?).

Reading Program

The Reading Program for the grade 1 students will begin again the middle of November. Angie will organize volunteers and all parents/family members are encouraged to volunteer if they are able. This is a very beneficial program for the children and provides an easy and flexible way for people to volunteer while supporting reading goals.

Outside toys

We would like to discuss possibly purchasing some outdoor sand toys for the children in the spring.

TIPS Grant

The SCC has received our portion of the TIPS grant resulting from our participation on the Rec Board. We are required to assist with Sports Day and are responsible for organizing the movie night in the winter. We also must have a representative at every Rec Board Meeting. We will continue to support the Rec Board moving forward.

Water Bottle Filling Station

Students are not able to fill their water bottles at the fountains so they have been filling them in the bathrooms which is not sanitary. Water Bottle Filling Stations are becoming more common and the prices and options very significantly (from approx. \$1600 – over \$3500). PVSD will install one if it is purchased but it will not be a priority so we may want to consider pricing the installation as well. Angie will send out some information and we can review it and discuss further at the next meeting.

Spring Fundraiser

Last year we did a Vesey's seeds fundraiser that was very well received and made approximately \$1800 with not too much work. We likely will participate in this again.

Victoria shared a fundraiser she has participated in where a student's artwork is sent away and a company makes customized greeting cards out of the art work. Students can then use their own personalized cards to send out to family and friends (birthday greetings, Christmas Cards, thank you cards, Mother's Day Cards or just because). It is approximately \$18 for 20 cards and envelopes and the SCC would earn \$5 per package. This could be done for Christmas or possibly a generic card around May. There is a 3-4 week turnaround time for the company to return the cards once the artwork is sent to them. We will discuss this fundraiser at a future meeting.

2018/2019 Meetings Dates

The meetings for this school year will be on November 28th, January 16th, March 27th, May 8th, and June 19th. Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the School Library unless otherwise indicated.

To Do's:

- Anngie to advise Greenall that only one Century Celebration Award will be given out for the 2018/2019 school year.
- Anngie to get obtain information on the Water Bottle Filling Station.
- Crystal and Tanja will attempt to locate some background information on the Directional Pole/Peace Pole.

Carry Forward Agenda Items:

- Directional Pole/Peace Pole Future
- Christmas Hamper and Cookie Sales (or other fundraiser)
- Water Bottle Filling Station
- Fundraising – Vesey's, Artwork

Spring – Sand toys

Next Meeting will be held November 28th at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.