

Molly Brant School Advisory Council

Monday December 5th, 2022

Meeting called to order by Amber Ewart at 5:51pm

Introduction around the table

Christa Gregory, Nicola Dillard, Chelsea & KC, Erik Hakim, Colin Skinner, Jen Bocking, Nik Lemieux, Cathleen Getchell, Scott Morency, Joanna Anderson, Crystal Sitoski, Amber Ewart, Lindsay Pilon, Jennifer Kehoe, Jodie Radolfi

November Minutes & Agenda Approval

- Jenn Kehoe motioned to approve November 7th, 2022, minutes, Amber Ewart seconded the motion.
- Jenn Kehoe would like to add the Pro Grant application onto the agenda
- December agenda approval was motioned by Jenn Kehoe and seconded by Amber Ewart

Principals Report – Scott Morency

- The school board has credited 3 new positions called Student Engagements Teachers. Currently going through the hiring process on the 3 new teachers' positions, two of these teachers will be working here at Molly Brant under supervision of our Superintendent Steve Hendersen. They will be working here in our grade K to 2/3 classes. Idea is to help close caps in literacy & numeracy that has developed due to the pandemic. This is exciting news. The other teacher will be placed in J.G. Simcoe. Would be nice to have the new teachers here before we break for the holidays, so we can have a feel and an update at our next meeting. Please note these new positions are Interary teachers and if a need arises somewhere else, they can be placed there. It is more than likely; these two teachers will more than lucky be in our school till the end of this school year
- Some new exciting news come out today, is that we are recipients of a Quina's Staples Technology Grant. We are being gifted approx. 10 chrome books with full warranty packages for the school. I believe J.G. Simcoe & Rideau Heights are 2 other recipients of this wonderful grant. There will be a ceremony on December 14th @ 4:30 at staples, Mr. Skinner will be the lucky one to accept for our school.
- We also learned today we will also be granted technology through Microsoft, more details to come in January – some reports will be needed to be completed but does look like we can have access to a lot of technology.

★ Jenn - How is the technology going to be distributed throughout the school?

Not sure yet, but our goal is to have a ratio of 1:1

- We did put in an exceptionally large order for literacy resources for the school. We were gifted some money from the school board & Ministry, and we pulled some from our budget. Our team has able to put together wonderful fulsome package approximately \$13000 in material in the next month or so.

★ KC – What type of resources are we receiving?

Anything around reading instruction

- ★ Jenn – Would the Advisory council have any part of the resources to add to the package. Like Raz Kids?

There has been a lot of study in the last couple of years, which have shown that what we have been doing is not the best way to teach literacy. A lot of training on decoda books. In the summer, the school board brought in a group of 15 teachers, who went thru a lot of resources and chose the best books for each level of learning. These books are chosen from the school board, and we do have to use these resources.

Indigenous Report – Lindsey Pilon

- No new progress on Family group night, aiming to have more of a plan in the New Year
- Moose Hid was held at Lasalle High School hosted a workshop for the students. Some of the Molly Brant students were able to go to, lots of learning.
- I spoke with Willow Prue who is our Indigenous Student councillor within Limestone School Board– She has concerns about not have safe space weekly to provide the support. Something more permeant, needs to be in place.

Treasurer Report – Nik Lemieux

- The report will be emailed in the next couple of days, as I have been in touch with Patricia regarding clarification on acct #8400 – 8533.
- Teacher appreciation kept changing accounts?
- HST Rebate
- Reimbursement was on November's report for candy over a year ago, not sure why. I did ask for a full report stating back a year ago. Could be an error on entry

Teachers Report – Jen Bocking

- Grades 2/3 were able to the Agnies Art gallery at Queens, pays tribute to Indigenous. Mandy & Crystal was able to share their stories, with song & dance
- Last week, we did the Jiggle Bell Walk
- The whole school has been playing Bingo, which has been fun
- We have had a Chess Tournament
- Volleyball is rocking
- Life Skills went to the YMCA for dance class
- Students went to LCVI to watch Momma Mia Musical
- Spirit week is last week of the year
 - ★ Jenn – Santa on the Roof Top has been brought up by few students who remembers doing at the dance daily on the last week of school in December. Many little beans would like this to be brought back
- Intermediate students are interested in doing Milkshakes in February

Santa Parada – Jennifer Kehoe

- Big success, 33 students, on a float drinking hot chocolate, having gingerbread cookies and treats going down Princess St. And just feeling/seeing the pride on their faces.
- Mr. Morency, stole the show with bringing the Hot Chocolate – Nice to have the kids to see the admin in a different light

- Kimco was very generous to us – They offered their Brand-New Lowrider Truck. Some Kimco kids did seat at the front of the float.
- I would not change anything honestly

Hot Lunch Pancake Breakfast – Jodie Radolfi

- Big thanks to Joanne on helping with the donation letter, and Nik for helping with retrieving donations, so far, we have \$200 to Costco, \$50 to No Frills, and Dollar Store. Jen has been able to help with some volunteers. We do have grills being donated by Mrs. R
- Motion has been made to allocate from the general account up to \$500 for approx. 6 grills for Hot lunches
 - ★ Cathleen – Please Submit a Donation Letter to the church

School Appeal – Scott Morency

- A new online store TAC on Railway st is an online store with a wide range of effective cost for school appeal, which is ran by retired educators. Online site is opened for a month, and we are looking into January 20th – February 20th. Will be meeting with them in the next few days to hopefully finalize a plan.

Kinderyard – Joanne Anderson

- Kinder yard playground - \$2276.49 has been sitting in Kinder yard before pre-Covid – Funds should be used for what was specified when funds were raised. Because we are not clear on the source, should funds remain in this account, or benefit entire school
 - ★ Motion to move Kinderyard account to general account was made by Nik Lemieux and seconded by Joanne Anderson (to be confirmed during January's meeting)

Sensory Room – Nicola Dillard

- An item list was provided at the meeting for sensory room items. These items are not fixed into one room but will be between 2 sensory rooms downstairs level & upstairs level.
 - ★ Motion to approve was made by Jennifer Kehoe and seconded by Amber Ewart

Teachers Wish List – Table discussion

- Under the teach account there is \$394 – Council is to provide up to \$50 to every classroom. Items are to be bought between January – February. Once the \$394 is used up any remaining amount will be taken out of council general account.
- Classroom teachers can submit a receipt up to \$50 to Mrs. Price & the council by February 20th.
 - ★ Jennifer Kehoe motioned to approve and seconded by Cathleen Getchell.

Deferred Items to January Meeting

- Playground Equipment
 - ★ Cathleen Getchell has an outside metal pole with three baskets that she has been holding since the closing of 1st Ave – Scott & Colin will make arrangements to retrieve for Molly Brant School Yard
- Parent encouragement account
- Pro Grant

- ★ Lindsey Pilon & Jennifer Kehoe will work on two grants together & one has a deadline by December 16th, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm report was written by Jodie Radolfi