

School Community Council and Home and School Association Meeting

Aberdeen Composite School Monday, March 2, 2020

In Attendance: Jodi Levy, Bonnie Doige, Brandi Tomy, Barb Hagele, Amy Orth, Lana Pearson, Barkley Twidale, Peggy Mattila-Bains, Kelli White, Maryann Rempel, Olivia Ojukwu

Unable to Attend: Carla Beaulac, Deane Martin, Laura Laskowski, Chelsea Baron, Jamie Wright

Call to Order: 5:10

Roll Call:

Review Agenda: Agenda emailed to members and reviewed prior to meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Everyone had reviewed last meeting minutes prior to meeting.

Committee Reports:

School Report:

- Amy went over the school report. Staffing Update, Upcoming events, School Goals, Extra Curricular, GRIT update and Grant Applications. (Please see handout from Amy, also attached it in email)

-Learning for Life presentation will be in May. Looking for 1-2 SCC members to attend, let Amy know if you are interested. Peggy asked Jodi if she would do a presentation on behalf of our SCC, Jodi agreed.

-Pie throwing fundraiser went very well and made \$500.

--No update at this time for the Family Walk. Amy will send out dates in WhatsApp to see when the next family walk will be booked for SCC members.

Financial Report: Amy went over the financial report (see handout) Home and School 2020: \$4258.98, SCC 2020: \$1624.26. No changes except \$131.44 given to Jodi for the popcorn.

Old Business:

1. Social Media: No updates to report.

-Amy will link her twitter account to Instagram in an effort to reach more people.

2. Asset Mapping Booth:

-Volunteers to sit at booth: Brandi and Maryann on Tuesday March 17, Jodi and Barkley Wednesday March 18th.

-Will reuse poster from last booth if it is located.

-Will have an information/signup sheet on Family Walks at the booth, prepared by Amy.

3. GRIT Conference Update (Kelli White):

-12 workshops confirmed. Period 2,3 & 4, Period 5 will be in the gym.

-Keynote speaker from Bridgestone 9:00 am paid for by the SCC (\$525)

-Raya to do a 'food talk' (nutrition, eating disorders etc.) This would also be nice to do afterschool or evening so parents could attend. She gives a lot of great information.

-CIA students announced the GRIT conference at the pep rally and put posters up around the school.

-In need of 180-200 bags for 'swag-bags'. Jodi has a contact she will ask if they have any bags.

-Volunteers needed to help set up lunch in the library around 11:30 (lunch is 12:15-1:00). Also volunteers throughout day to help out.

4. Teacher Appreciation:

-Thanks to Barb for taking down staffroom décor Friday afternoon!

-Teachers appreciated the attention to detail and how it continued for the full week. Great job SCC!

5. Community Grants:

-Jodi and Amy are working to apply for Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge and Community Initiatives Fund Grant.

-Community Initiatives Fund Grant: will pursue to cover ice costs for 2020/2021 school year. We are thinking about bonspiel as part of this work.

-Extreme School Makeover Challenge: considering logistics of a morning snack program in addition to breakfast program. Would possibly rely on Farm In The Dell residents, SCC volunteers and SR. Resource program. Application asks us to consider who would receive training/education about nutrition as a result of our program (i.e.: needs to be more than just \$\$ for groceries)

6. Recess Guardians Program Blue Cross:

-Emails have been sent. Aberdeen staff and Blue Cross are now in contact to sort out details.

7. Veggie Program:

-Farm In The Dell residents will be coming to do veggies first with staff, and March 19th is the date to do with the students.

-Where could we dedicate a work space for veggies to be prepped and served? In the servery? Could we use an oven? A dedicated area is something we could use grant money for.

8: Healthy Hunger Program:

-Good to go, will begin in April.

9. Mirror Idea: Amy has found a bulletin board to be used. Jodi and Brandi will put this together.

New Business:

1: Wall Decals:

-Jodi sent pictures of the peeling/bubbling decals to Imagine That. They have replied saying they should not be peeling. We will see if we can get replacement letter where needed.

2. Music Education:

-Barkley: would be nice if there was more flexibility in what instruments students could play i.e.: guitar, drums (buckets even). A lot of instruments they have to play are not entry level instruments and take a lot of practice to be able to play simple songs i.e.: Clarinet takes a lot of practice time to master, if a student is forced to play an instrument that doesn't interest them it is less likely they will commit to the practice time. Students may also not be relating to the music they are taught. If they were able to play the songs they currently enjoy listening to they may appreciate the music education.

3. April Gym Night:

-once again, we will table this for now.

-Focus on Fun Night March 26th. The SCC will once again supply and work the candy walk. Brandi and Maryann volunteered to work the candy game.

-Brandi got candy info from Lori Hamoline: average 60 winners. She would make 75 little zip lock bags of various stuff bought at Wholesale Club. She also always had a box of small chocolate bars incase she ran out of candy. Bags included things like fizzy candy, rockets, pop rocks, lollipop, chewy candy. If kids were well behaved and didn't win, she would give them a treat for using their manners

-Brandi and Maryann will purchase and do up the candy bags.

4. This afternoons Presentation:

-Jodi: A lot of the presentation was focused on the teachers. How do we bridge the gap between community and school?

-Bonnie: Bank of trust was huge. It would be helpful if teachers knew how parents feel when they send their kids to school. Parents may have trust in some teachers but not have that trust built with others.

-Amy: Not more, just different. It shouldn't be more work to build the relationship/communication between parent and teacher, its just doing things differently.

-Kelli: Has seen teachers slowly integrating changes in many different ways. It takes time.

-Seesaw is a great tool used by some teachers to really include parents in what is happening in the classroom.

-Parents Asking teachers questions may be helpful to teachers. A parent may have one child on their mind while a teacher has twenty plus.

-Could be helpful for SCC to have this conversation at a staff meeting. Amy will set this up.

Next Meeting Date: April 6th at 5:00 pm **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:40 pm