

## WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Welcome!

#### Barb Brown

- Admin Report

#### Around the School

- Welcome new VP Sandra Himann!
- Math strategy continues
  - Big focus continues to be Math.
  - Some prep for EQAO for grades 3 & 6
- Safety at our school – icy conditions / tarmac only recess / ring road
  - Field has been icy, the field does not get salted, so in times of extreme iciness the students will only be allowed to play on the tarmac
  - Even on bus cancellation days, the ring road will continue to be closed, due to safety concerns for walkers
- Emergency Response Team - 3 more to get First Aid training this year

#### Sports programs going strong!

- Indoor field hockey and indoor ice hockey have been very popular, thank you to to efforts by a large number of Teachers!
- Dance club is once a week
- Staffing updates
  - Ms Newman is leaving us tomorrow, currently in the process of hiring for that position.
  - Msr. Bilous has replaced Mdm Cull as she is on Maternity
- Grade 5 / 6 WRPS presentation – online safety
  - Community rep will be presenting to all grade 5/6 classes
  - He will also be attending the Fun Fest with a Cruiser
- other school events
  - KW Hydro did a safety presentation
  - Lots of great upcoming assemblies

#### Around the Board

- Safe Talk training sessions for WRDSB parents! As one of our operational goals to support student & staff wellness, we are pleased to offer safeTALK training for parents/guardians of the WRDSB on #BellLetsTalk Day. What is safeTALK? safeTALK is a three-hour alertness workshop that prepares participants, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide alert helper.  
**You can visit [wrdsb.ca](http://wrdsb.ca) to learn more about this opportunity**

- School transport cancellations
  - School is always open if it is just a Bus cancellation
- Kindergarten Registration / FI Registration
  - Please let parents of children who will start JK know that they can visit the school board website, or drop in at the office to speak with Ursula
  - SK students can register for Gr. 1 French Immersion
- Board-wide wireless restrictions began Jan. 1
  - There has been some restriction placed on what sites can be accessed when using the WRDSB WIFI connection

### **Around the Province**

- Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education
- Premier's Award for Accepting Schools
  - Please visit the provincial education website to learn more about the awards that schools can win
- OTIP teacher Awards
- Volunteer awards nomination

### **Fundraising Updates/Input**

#### Bingeman's night

- Bingemans lets the school sell the tickets and keep the profits. Night could be Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.
- Chocolates
  - We are going to go forward with chocolate sales, Robyn, to contact the LaMontagne Chocolate vendor to confirm.
  - Going to do the fundraiser over March Break
- Ideas for future years
  - Night time for movathons, where parents can drop off for one hour for \$20
  - Boston Pizza Teacher night

### **PRO Grant Science Night**

- Confirmed date Thursday February 9
  - Science night is open to all
  - 8 different stations will be available for exploring
  - FREE for families to experience

### **February Event Update – Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 11am – 4pm**

- Community Activities
- Vendors

- Donations for Raffle/Silent Auction
- Other events: bake sale, pizza sale, book sale
- **Committee meeting immediately following Parent Council Meeting**

### Questions:

- Parent question:
  - Has the snow removal company changed? Parents expressed concern that the front of the school has not been properly plowed. ADM has spoken with them to encourage prompt removal, but noted that the icy conditions are hard to keep up with.
  - Parents would like to see more detail on the school day blasts
  - Book Fair – Parent volunteers are welcome, especially on Thursday after school. Call office if interested.
- Any questions or concerns

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Robyn to contact La Montagne
2. Barb to contact the plowing team to touch base regarding parent concerns
3. Barb to work on School Day blast updates
4. Sharon is going to contact Bingemans to see if we can book on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> (Preferable) or Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>
5. Danielle/Pam will be posting Science Night to FB / Twitter, creating a FB Event Page
6. Barb to ensure that a 'save the date' will be posted on School Day weekly, until the event

### Next meeting

Thursday February 16th, 2017 (Note: Barb Brown has an unavoidable conflict this night. Sandra Himann will deliver Admin report.)

Minutes passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 7:50 PM

Fun Fest Committee Followed.