

WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting

Thursday June 21, 2018

Welcome!

Lori Briscoe- Admin Report

Around the School

- Monday - red day and report cards
- Tues - air bands
- Wed - grade 6 farewell at 1:00
- Thurs - whole school assembly
- Friday - PD day
- Class lists can't be posted. To be sent out at school day in late August (to be confirmed)
- For next year can it be organized by grade in order on first day so parents can find the teacher, not organized by door to help parents
- A few teachers retiring and some transfers - there will be a notice next week
- Follow-up - stop sign (work order), dead tree - board will cut down and plant in the fall (pending on cost), transportation (map/parking) - hoping it is ready for the 1st day package
- Can see the twitter feed on the website
- Flag pole is broken (rainbow flag is in the window) - work order is in
- Kindergarten thank you for the field trips - splash pads and Erik Traplin. Trip wouldn't have happened without subsidy
- Thank you to chairs (Danielle and Pam) and committee

Around the Board

- Tips for summer learning and fun
- Rosemount School is closing, will be demolished and a new French Secondary school will be built. Will be an addition at Grand River High School
- Some grade 5 students designed an app - bus buddy, tracks the wait time - won an award
- Next year's calendar is out

Around the Province

- No news (election)

Fundraising Survey Results

- Discussion on Fundraising survey (parents and teachers) and actions for 2018/2019 spending
- 26 responses parenting, 21 from staff
- School trips are high priority for both parents and teachers. Technology for classrooms is high too. Playground mixed comments - some want more, some want less spending - interested in gearing something towards the older grades (Phase 2).
- Can look at one element for Phase 2 for next year (ACTION)

- Any grants? Environmental grants. Sarah Anderson is City Rep - Placemaking Grants, Neighbourhood Matching Grants
- Nutrition - covered
- Sports equipment - consumables covered by the school
- Upstairs hydration station request (put in a request at the School Board). It should be covered
- Library - what does the library need?
- STEM funding - what specifically - need some more follow-up. Kits - what would teachers like to see
- Storage and charging stations for the Chromebooks. Techtubs? Need to be on wheels because they are shared, needs to be locked. Getting more Chromebooks but not more stations. (ACTION)
- Nets for the pond
- Compost for the garden
- Tidying equipment (volunteering hours), organizing the equipment - bins/kits
- Jerseys/shirts for sports - need replacement
- Classrooms doing fundraising for their own trips (a comment from the teachers was a staff committee to communicate with parent council on fundraising activities)
- Generate list and send back to teachers for input in the new year (ACTION)
- People like the events based fundraising when kids do something
- Movie night (ACTION) - maybe April through June depending on parent volunteers (need to coordinate)
- Increase transparency - maybe yearly update on what money was spent on, what we are doing (ACTION)
- Push out website sign up next year (ACTION)
- gave \$10/child for field trips this year - almost \$8,000

Review of Planned Activities for 2018/2019

- Review of confirmed council led activities for next year, will be looking for champions for some events that will be happening early in the school year
- Sept -Nov - Fresh from the Farm (orders due Oct 5), Bingeman's Fun Night (Nov 15), Pro event- Jump 2Math(Oct 11 tentative)
- Jan-March - Fun Fest (Feb 23), Move-a-thon (March 6), Titans, Mulch/Dirt (March)
- April - June - Bingemans (April 12 or May 31)
- Mabels Labels?
- Movie Night?
- Need champions for each events (ACTION) new year

Buddy Benches

- \$1000+ shipping. \$1200 to install, vinyl coated \$655 + tax plus shipping
- Costco - assembled - \$1200 includes shipping. Some need mounting equipment, warranties are different
- Funding options - needs to be further away from the school, neighbourhood matching

- grant, inclusion and belonging grant, Manulife volunteering hours, corporate sponsorship
- Could we paint the existing one?
 - Large one 6' - Blue one that says buddy bench (ACTON apply for funding)

Questions:

- Pam and Danielle are stepping down from Chair
- Putting together a Handbook with lots of resources on google drive for future chairs

Next meeting

September 2018!!