

Regular Meeting of Medway School Council

Tuesday February 27, 2018

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Attendance: 7 parents were in attendance including the chair, the treasure and the secretary. Mr. Copeland and Mrs. McCullough were also present.

Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda with addition of PROgrant flyer discussion.* (Deb, Bernice) Carried

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were circulated via email along with the agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated (Deb, Jill) Carried

Principal's Report - (Mr. Copeland)

- For Fog delays – there has been some confusion between service providers and some busses run and some don't. Mr. Copeland is working with the service providers to work out the kinks.
- The Ilderton and District Lion's Club have the fund to support the initial phase of the Athletic Enhancement Project. Details are being finalized and we hope to have an announcement in the near future.
- Winter Athletics have moved into the playoffs. Girl's hockey won TVRA. Swimmers are currently at OFSA. Spring Sports can begin practicing March 1st.
- Field trips to Florida and Europe (Florence, Rome, Venice, Italy) are in the final phase of preparation. They will take place over March break.
- The grade 8 family night was another big success. Many thanks to school council for their support.
- Registration has completed for next year. Guidance met with all classes individually. Another new and innovative course is being offered combining non-traditional art and coding.
- Medway will be offering Native Studies (grade 11) in 2018/2019 along with a combined grade 9 Science/Geography course which ran this year.
- Current enrolment might push the population over 1300.
- Mr. Lusk (Math), Mrs. Aerts (English) and Mrs. Radforth (Science) return from leave for semester two. Welcome back.
- The secondary school literacy test will be completed on a paper copy. All students have been granted extra time. The schedule will need to be modified to accommodate this.
- School improvement work continues in the area of Global Competencies and will be focal point of the April 27th P.A. Day.
- The TVDSB document "Rethink Secondary Learning" was distributed to parents. A copy is filed in the minutes binder.
- The Municipality has posted No Parking signs on Arva Street which will pose a problem for our students.
- New exterior lighting improves safety at night.
- Student Council will be purchasing bar height tables and chairs for the area outside guidance and some benches for the front of the school.
- There are hopes of rehabilitating the courtyard to make it a use-able space again.
- Future Dates:
 - March 12-16 March Break
 - March 28 Parent Teacher Interviews
 - March 30-April 2 Easter Weekend

- March 31st PA Day
- April 10 Literacy Test
- April 30 Mid Term Reports Distributed

Guidance – (Mrs. McCullough)

- Mrs. McCullough honored Mr. Copeland by pointing out his incredible contributions to the spirit and climate of the school. Parents also recognized these contributions and expressed their gratitude.
- Guidance works with the kids on the computer to help them work through Blueprint. Many schools do not do this, and it makes a huge difference.
- Kids are more motivated when they have a direction – which they get when they complete the career assessments on Blueprint.
- There is an international club at the school with increasing numbers of international students.
- March 22 – Guidance Dept will be involved in the PRO grant night.
- Commencement in June 14th. Cap and gown orders will go out after March break.
- The Guidance department works very closely with kids to help them identify what scholarships they are eligible to apply for. Deadline to submit applications to guidance for TVDSB and Medway scholarships is April 4th.
- Each post-secondary institution also has scholarships and bursaries. There is always money left over in these programs because no one applies for some of the awards. It is well worth the effort to put the time in to filling out applications.
- Continue to track the kids who are “at risk” (52% and below) – meeting with the kids more than once to address concerns.
- If kids are having a hard time getting into guidance, talk to Mrs. Alexander. Guidance is extremely busy and it can be challenging for them to have the time to meet with all kids who need them.

Financial Report

- Currently there is \$887.00 available for School Council activities.
- \$1000 in the PROgrant Account.

New Business

- Money for PROgrant

Motion to draw up to \$400 from school council funds to cover overages in expenses for the PROgrant night. (Deb, Bernice) carried
- Volunteers are needed for PROgrant night. Some parents stepped forward to help.

Next Council Meeting

- **Next meeting date:** May 14th @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn* (Tracy, Deb) Carried

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary – Tracy Loessin