

Pine View School Council Meeting – January 20, 2015

Attendees:

Mrs. Root, Principal
Mrs. Wasmund, Teacher Rep
Suzanne Kramer-Martin, Chair
Anna Bacciaglia, Secretary
Jennifer Neville
David Priebe
Bryon Morris, Trustee

Guest speaker: School Trustee, Mr. Bryon Morris

Mrs. Root introduced Bryon Morris, our guest speaker, and our new trustee. Bryon has been trustee before, for 15 years from 1976 until 1991. School Council asked Bryon about the role of a trustee. The Board, which is made up of trustees, oversees the operations of Administration. The Board is also responsible for the budget, although the budget is primarily determined by the Ministry of Education. The Board also ensures that the policies of the Ministry are being followed by Administration, and the Director of Education is chosen by the Board. Roger Clarke, our Director, has been appointed for another term.

Principal's report

December was a fun-filled month for the students. A Bell choir performed at the school. There was a holiday sing-along for students and parents, and the grade 7/8 class put on a play for the school.

The computers in the library have been removed. Students use Chrome Books and iPads.

With the removal of the computers, the library is now a nice workspace and people are receptive to upgrading the library.

Protein Wednesdays are working well. Mrs. Root is working with Mindy on this initiative. The students are learning that protein can come from a variety of sources. Possibilities for future protein snacks are pumpkin seeds, hummus and oatmeal.

Not all parents are being diligent in sending in nut-free lunches for their children, so Mrs. Root has been sending out reminders, and will continue to do so.

Staff meetings now have a mental health component, which consists of the Pine View support counsellor giving a half hour presentation. This month's topic was how to recognize stress in students and ourselves.

Literacy Day is January 27. Pine View will be having a pajama day and workshops. The grade 7/8 class will be having a readathon.

Kindergarten registration starts January 26.

Bell Talk Text is January 28.

The grade 4 to 6 students will be attending a Pembroke Lumber Kings game during school hours on February 6.

Grad photos for the grade 8s are on Thursday February 5.

Students are working on their speeches. The primary and junior students will be giving their speeches in the gym on February 11, and the intermediate students on February 12. The day for speeches at the Legion is Sunday February 15.

Report cards go home February 18.

Pine View winter activity day is February 20. We will use one of our nutrition-free days that day and serve hot dogs and hot chocolate to the students. We have used only two of our ten "free" days so far this year.

Heads up that school may start before Labour Day this fall, to accommodate the required 194 curriculum days. It may start on September 1.

Follow-up to actions from November meeting

1. MASC productions: Mr. Gorr suggested a performance by a children's performance artist. The fee for the performance is around \$425, but travel costs are unknown. If School Council can bring this production to Pine View for under \$800, then we will.
2. Pine View library: Mrs. Root may have a staff member who is interested in helping out with the Coles grant. Mrs. Root will relay this information to Sharon. Anna and Sharon still have to meet to discuss culling the library and possible improvements to the library.
3. MacMillans fundraiser: Suzanne is waiting for MacMillans to send her the new order forms. Tentative dates for this fundraiser are: order forms due February 17, order placed February 18, and delivery of order February 26. The proceeds for this fundraiser will go to the library.
4. School council bank balance is around \$11,000.

New Business

The Pine View roadside sign is cracked. Mrs. Root is getting estimates for its repair.

Actions

1. **Mrs. Root** to find out the full cost of the MASC production we are considering and to book it if it costs less than \$800.
2. **Mrs. Root** to send an email to Sharon regarding teacher interested in Coles application.
3. **Anna** and **Sharon** to meet to discuss culling books and improving library space.
4. **Suzanne** to email Mindy regarding buying hot dogs for winter activity day.

Important dates

Kindergarten registration: January 26 to February 6

Literacy Day: January 27

Bell Talk Text day: January 28

Grad photos: February 5

Pembroke Lumber Kings game, grades 4 to 6: February 6

Pizza day: February 6

Primary and junior speeches in gym: February 11

Intermediate speeches in gym: February 12

Legion speeches: February 15

Report cards: February 18

Winter activity day: February 20

Next school council meeting is 6:00 Tuesday February 24.