

Blair Road Parent Council Agenda

Wednesday January 23, 2013

In attendance: Jodie Meyer , Kelly Deml, Susan Robinson, Lynn Robb, Karen Gould, Stephanie Gould, Tammy Buitenhuis, Stacey Schlaich, Doris Litch

1. Book Fair – Scholastic – guest speaker: Dani Stewart

- February 7-14; running 11th-13th; 4 cases will be dropped off
- 537 books purchased last Spring which is approximately 2.31 books per student
- Book Fair training available on line if interested
- we will be given \$60 of promotional allowance – All Star theme this year – eg. Of 12 stars worth \$5.
- special value box to be used potentially for lower income families to access – we are to use at our discretion
- Adopt a book program where a table is set up and parents can see what books would be available to purchase to donate to the school if they wish.
- book talk in a box – to be used as a draw into a specific book , will use these as part of the announcements
- author video which includes authors talking about books and celebrities talking about the importance of reading/literacy
- re-order should be done by 2 p.m. before the pick up day – can be faxed in or done on-line
- Alicia is our go – to person for the Scholastic should we need assistance or help
- Lynn Robb is our co-ordinator for the event
- Lynn to write a letter inviting new kindergarten students to the school to the fair
- everyone present at the meeting is considered to be a “book fair specialist”

2. Paperwork for Grant applications

- a. Parent Reaching out Grant for a parent resource library
 - Vanessa Court has experience with writing grant applications – will contact if she is not in attendance at the next meeting to see if she is interested in this application
 - Application comes out in the Spring, awarded in the Fall
- b. Parent Involvement Grant - \$500 easier to get
 - Demonstrate community outreach
 - \$ has to be used prior to the end of the school year (i.e. Literacy Night, parent resources in the library)

3. Principal's report

- EQAO Parent Guardian forum on February 9, 2013
- Principal Profile-what is important to you as a school community
- Sign is up! ☺
- Every elementary school is being given 20 iPads this year, we are just waiting to receive them
- CATC (Computers across the curriculum); asked for 2 iPads this year
- Dairy Education Program; dairy farming and education will happen in the school for K-grade3.
- Humane Society visits; come and present to each class; being a responsible pet owner, animal abuse, etc. End of Feb/beginning of March
- Respect is this month's theme, last month was Responsibility
- Mrs. Zuidema wrote a school song to a Kesha song; children are practicing/singing and enjoying
- Mad Science demo-flyer to participate; between 30-40 kids signed up
- school website will be changing to a different format – word press – Jodie and Sandra will undergo training for this
- Sales of TCBY, Hot lunch Thurs, Pita and Milk are all going well
- Parking remains an issue out front, have contacted a Bylaw officer to increase monitoring

4. Nutrition for Learning

- Going well
- New upright freezer

5. Financials – Lynn Robb

- Current balance: \$14,600.00
- Sign will come out, will be just \$9,746.00

6. ARC – Lynn Robb

- Closing Dickson, addition to Tait, partial French immersion at Tait, grade 6 to Highland
- school boundaries have changed, a letter will be sent out to all families, will effect Kindergarten registration
- On the 28th, Trustees will vote to approve minutes, and then the decision will be final

7. Skating Races – Jodie and Sue

- Need parent volunteers – Sue, Kelly, Rob Burr have offered help thus far
- No try-outs; lottery system will be used to place skaters in their races
- will most likely have extra slots to fill and therefore be able to send more skaters to the race
- Will still go on, February 22nd at Shade Street Arena