

Adjala Central School Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

In attendance: C. Russell, I. Michel, J. McDevitt, K. Van Der Linde, K. Grech, K. Ibscher, L. Prasuhn, W. Hayhoe, A. Rosati-Keogh

Regrets: A. Stewart, S. Collacutt-Miller, S. Harrison-McIntyre, A.M. Stewart

Welcome and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes: K. Van Der Linde

Seconded: A. Rosati-Keogh

All in favour.

Principal's Report:

- The Administrative Team Profile needs to be send to the Board A.S.A.P. Chris will check with Andrew regarding any feedback after the last meeting and will ensure it is forwarded to the Board.
- Website: Info is updated every two to three days; K. Van Der Linde suggested that info regarding sports tryouts and team updates be included; "Really Simple Structure" will eventually automatically notify people when the site is updated; we will continue to investigate how we can improve the website and make it more visually appealing, as well as be able to use the features available to their full potential.
- Council thanked C. Russell and J. McDevitt for the extra time and effort that went into learning the update program and inputting info to bring the website to its current more useful setup.
- Family Transition Place is wrapping up the sessions; there are concerns regarding resilience of students in general. New Path resources will be posted on the website.
- 2014-15 school year organization: decrease of one primary teacher; decrease of .2 planning time and .1 Sert; EA allocation is not yet available. C. Martin has formally retired creating an LTO position until Jan. 2015 at which time C. Jones is scheduled for this position.
- Restorative Justice: three teachers have been trained and a classroom has been allocated for this purpose; C. Russell will be covering their classroom time in order to free the teachers up to dedicate time to the Restorative Justice Classroom.
- Outdoor Classroom: to aid in full day kindergarten instruction; \$14,000 has been allocated to us from the Board for the construction of the space and an accompanying shed for storage; \$1,200 is currently set aside from Council funds from 2013; C. Russell will ask for additional support when the final plans are clear; this is not just for Kindergarten classes; High School students are redesigning the original setup to fit in our specific requests.

Motion: Due to lack of use, child care will be discontinued for the May meeting: W. Hayhoe

Seconded: K. Van Der Linde

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

- The updated Financial Report was distributed for information.
- \$206.36 was transferred to cover Rocks & Rings; \$1,700 was transferred to the Playground account to cover swing repairs, etc.
- The Vesey's Bulb fundraiser had a profit of \$1,315; we received \$320 from Phil Steingard's photo studio for school pictures.

Lunch Program Update:

- The Lunch Program will continue for the month of May.

Spending Motions:

Motion to adjust the \$500 Parent Engagement Funding as follows: \$140 to be used to cover the caregiving provided at the School Council Meetings on January 13th, February 10th, March 24th and April 14th, 2014. \$360 to be used for the purchase of school agendas.

Moved by Ian Michel

Seconded by Karen Van Der Linde

All in favour.

Motion to use fundraised money from FR Fun Lunch in the amount of \$140 to cover the cost of school agendas not covered by the Parent Engagement Funding due to the adjustment for caregiving at school council meetings.

Moved by Ian Michel

Seconded by Karen Van Der Linde

All in favour.

Motion that C. Russell will contact S. Harrison-McIntyre re suggestion of contact to update/upgrade website. IF no info by Friday, April 18, 2014, Council asks that the remaining PRO grant funds be used to purchase teacher and class website/blog licenses in aid in more involvement on the current site.

Moved by I. Michel

Seconded by K. Van Der Linde

All in favour.

Fundraising Team Update:

- Vesey's Bulb fundraiser was a success with a profit of \$1,315.
- There are several fundraising ideas being considered for the next school year. Stay tuned for some innovative and easy ways to recycle clothing and make money for Adjala students.

Priority Setting Update:

Academic Priority: was met through Board financing of math and numeracy tutoring for both junior and intermediate students during school time. No additional Council funds were needed to support this.

Athletic Priority: requests will be submitted for additional uniform sizes/types for specific needs. These will be included for consideration along with the Spending Motion requests mentioned below.

Music Priority: at this point, due to teacher allocation, this priority is on hold. If a teacher/in-school music program becomes available this will be considered at that time. Request had been given to a music program in York area but the travel distance was a deterrent.

C. Russell will send out a Communication regarding Spending Motion Requests for necessary school items that will use this year's fundraising dollars to their full potential for Adjala students.

New Business:

- Staff Appreciation: please contact Wendy Hayhoe or Karen Van Der Linde regarding Staff Appreciation plans. Contact info and requests for volunteers will be posted on the website. Thank you for your support as we thank our staff at Adjala!
- Track & Field: see website for info and needed volunteers.
- Rocks & Rings was EXCELLENT!-

Dates for Future Meetings:

- May 12, 2014
- June 9, 2014

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: K. Van Der Linde

Seconded: K. Grech

All in favour.