

SCC Meeting - March 3 2025

*SCC Attendance: Marianne Byberg, Trish Clark, Stephanie Clement, Kelsea McCarthy, Tia Toale
Teachers: Olivia Dadswell, Amanda Hughes, Jonathan Ross, Cindy Treacy, Martina Walton*

Introduction

- Land acknowledgement
- Agenda
- January meeting minutes approved

Administrator Report/What's Going on at Village Union

- Gym drop in
- Library drop in
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Folk dance starting up
- Dance team
- Student affinity groups
- Leadership club
- Rebel girls
- Super kids
- Zones of regulation
- Indigenous circle
- Intermediate band
- Outdoor learning
- Sewing program
- Robotics team-won Gold!!, Our team will be going to Provincials!!

Teaching and Learning

- Focus on indigenous education policy and human rights policy
- Acadience (k-2) Rescreening those who who did not pass the initial screening earlier this year.
- Executive functioning skills
- Universal design for learning
- High yield instructional strategies (strategies on what makes the most impact)
- Education perfect (paid for by the board gr 3+)
- School mental health Ontario and social emotional learning (resources available)

Facilities, Health and Safety

- Final drill to be completed but waiting for warmer weather

Upcoming

- Mar 3-4 sewing program
- Mar 6 Carnival outdoor fun day

- March 7-16 March break
- March 25 Collaborative day for teachers
- Mar 31 PD Day
- April 18-21 Easter Break
- April 29 Pigmania Theatre Field Trip
- May 8 Great beginnings kindergarten event
- May/June EQAO testing

Treasurers Report

- Forest for Reading - SCC contributed \$800
- Kindergarten Outdoor Play Items - SCC contributed \$1500
- Breakfast/Snack Program - SCC contributed \$1000
- Current balance \$2194.57 - doesn't include the Little Cesars Profit projected at \$1140

Breakfast/Snack Program

- Ms. Treacy & Ms. Dadswell were in attendance to talk about spearheading the Breakfast/Snack program
 - There are other teachers who have expressed interest in helping with this program as well
 - Grants we have received for the snack program is \$6000 for the year as well as some gift cards here and there and the recent \$1000 contribution from the SCC
 - There are roughly 630 students total which does not stretch very far. Currently we have about \$250/week to spend for the snack program
 - Ms. Dadswell spoke about her revamping the Breakfast Program at her previous school and mentioned having several connections to various grocery stores and had ideas of ways to save money (coupons, using a points card that would get additional groceries with the points etc)
 - Currently mostly ordering from 'Healthy Selections' (is there a delivery fee?)
 - Sobeys "Make a difference" program partner with the board
 - There was some discussion about possibly setting a percentage of how much the SCC wants to contribute to the breakfast/snack program. Due to the fact that we almost 100% rely on our fundraising for funds coming in, it is hard to commit to a dollar amount to the breakfast/snack program which is an ongoing program but we could set a percentage amount to prioritize this as a program high on our list of contributions
 - There was some discussion about the possibility of a hot breakfast - dishes, cleaning, cooking and the logistics involved are all things to consider. Ready to eat products are definitely easier to handle but with enough teacher/volunteer support hot breakfast is not off the table.
 - A simple hot breakfast idea that was talked about was crockpot oatmeal
 - Ms. Treacy & Ms. Dadswell will need to look into the food guidelines to make sure that the food ordered meets the criteria
 - There was some discussion about teachers who are interested in making food and packaging it for the breakfast/snack program
 - If food is being made, all parties will need to get their food handling certificate as well as all food will need to be made at school
 - An idea to have a continuous source of income for the breakfast/snack program was to sell milk and all proceeds would go back into the program for additional food

Fundraising

-The Spring Vandermeers fundraising campaign is our next fundraiser. Order forms will go out this week to students

-Order forms a due April 4th and order pick up will be April 16th in time for the long weeken

-Popcorn day - we'd like to make and sell freshly popped popcorn in the lobby one day this spring. Potentially one day in May

-We will use Trish's popcorn maker

Gr. 8 Grad

-Cookies sales have been ongoing, Ms. Hughes was inquiring about a contribution of \$1000 towards the grad trips

-The Gr.8's have 3 separate grad trips planned, Treetop Trekking, Medieval Times & Playdium (June 17-19). Two of the three trips involve busing which significantly increases the cost. Currently the cost per student is \$175/person (includes the busing cost) - there are roughly 55 Gr. 8 students

-Typically the SCC has given a \$500 gift for the graduation trip

-Since the SCC has a big Fun Fair planned and there will be some up front costs for the equipment/games/activities, we would like to get those on the books first and then assess what funds we have in the account before committing to set contribution for Gr. 8 Grad. We will take a look at our next meeting once Vandermeer's is underway.

Fun Fair

-Jun 12 4:30pm-6:30pm/7pm

-Main goal for end of year Fun Fair is community engagement and to cover costs, any profit made would be bonus

-We will look into the availability and permit cost for a Saturday (not sure if we will have the same amount of teacher support if it's a weekend though, vendors might also be harder to secure)

-Tia got quotes for rentals (for fun fair activities & games) and Trish put together a slideshow presentation of our plan and ideas for the fun fair

-The activities & games from the rental companies (Tim's Rentals & UBounce) are pretty reasonable but they will only hold our quotes for a limited time. The companies are booking up fast for the date we have booked, we should book our rentals asap!

-Will have a central table to purchase tickets for all stations and events (ex. 2 tickets for soccer, 3 tickets for the corn maze etc)

-Main event will be "The Great Inflatable Race" with the teachers (no cost to watch)

-All race contestants will be dressed in an inflatable costume

-Students and families can cheer on their teacher

-Trophy for the winner and bragging rights!

-There was discussion about having classes or divisions put together a basket to be raffled off at the fun fair (if each student who wanted to participate donated one item, we could put together some nice baskets for the raffle)

-Pre-Sell raffle tickets on school cash online

-We would like to have food trucks available for food to purchase rather than pre ordering pizza and

selling it. The food trucks would keep all the profit made on food sold.

-The board has food trucks that are authorized - the SCC would love that list to reach out to them

-Mr. Ross will look into if a Tug of War is allowed but most likely not due to risk and liability and will double check about our rentals we have quoted, especially the dunk tank.

-The SCC will be joining the tail end of the April Teacher Staff Meeting to present the ideas of the Fun Fair and to see who might be interested in getting involved, volunteering for the race etc. (Mon April 7th)

NEXT SCC MEETING - MON MAY 5TH AT 5PM