Castlefrank Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting  
 Tuesday May 28th, 2013  
  
  
  
Attendance...Carol Mothersill, Carmen Brubacher, Kim D’Angelo, Wendy Byrtus, Josh Kemp, Ron Henry, Teri MacDonald, Renee Poetteker, Jenn Hall, , Stephanie Nasmith, Dorothy Forsyth

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm  
  
  
**Approval of agenda** - talk about next year earlier. No action items.  
  
  
**Chair report** (Carmen Brubacher, Carol Mothersill)  
**Year end celebrations...**  
The June 20th end of year celebration is taking shape. There will be an assembly, and students will be called down at about 1:45, parents can join afterward. There will be a tree planting, games, music, a passing of the torch and a power point presentation. Morning kinders are welcome to come back with their parents. The entire school is encouraged to participate.  
**June 24-25 fun days**....the 24th will be a kindergarten play day pairing intermediate students with kindergartens allowing the teachers some freedom to start packing. Rain day plan, potential movie day in the gym. Looking for volunteers.  
The 25th will bring a school wide scavenger hunt.   
  
**Yearbooks and tshirts**...200 year books and tshirts were ordered!  
  
**KES CES festival** ... There is a new flyer going out this week, this is the official invitation. BIG call to volunteers! All time slots are only minor time commitments are being requested of people. This is not only for students and their families but also for teachers and their families.  
  
**Staff appreciation brunch**... This will take place on the PA day. This will be a much needed opportunity for our teachers and staff together befor some of them part ways, and a good break from report card writing. Volunteer time slots are filling up slowly. We are budgeted for $350, $10pp. This includes absolutely all of our staff. *Asking for more money for supplies*. Renee has volunteered to make thank you cards. Teri says KES used disposable dishes.  
  
**Next year**...  
Carol and Carmen thank everyone for their contributions throughout the year. I has been a learning experience for everyone, and we have done an amazing job working through it. Thanks for everyone's efforts for making this year such a great success and bes tof luck to everyone moving on to new adventures. We hope to see you soon and hope our paths cross in the future!

They will continue to be co-chairs in the coming year. Kim and Josh will be back as well to fill their current positions. Renee will be stepping up for hot lunches, as will Stephanie. Council will be looking for new members!  
  
We need to consider what we are going to do as far as lunches next year. Pizza and hot dogs will continue to be a hit with grades 1-3. Our kindergartens will remain half day next year and so will not be of consideration for the year to come. This year, grade 3 and 4s are the biggest eaters and hit dogs are a big hit with the younger kids. Note: we need to be sure to match things with the KES food schedule. Thought: start with pizza and lunch lady and go from there. Might do hot dogs, but just once per month.  
  
**Principal report** (Ron Henry)  
All allotted funds have been spent. $1500 for arts $1500 field trips.  
Rock the arts, Zumba, subsidy for the NAC, scientists in the schools, mad science, reptile presentation is upcoming, substitute for the grade 7s field trip this week. (The school budget topped up the funds spent.) Thanks again to council for providing this money to the students.  
  
As far as **staffing** goes we will be welcoming 6 new FE teachers including two from Katimavik.  
This year we had 2.5 EAs, next year we will have the same.  
All classes remain capped at 20  
Class lists are still planned to be announced befor the summer.  
All of our other support staff remain.  
  
**Kindergarten info night** will be held tomorrow evening.  
  
The year end celebration **mural** is being created next week. The gym will be closed at this time. Big thanks to Phil for doing all the prep work for this!  
  
This Monday all the principals will be coming together for a transition meeting, at which they will discuss changes and potential issues.  
  
Valerie Susack tracked down some additional money at the board level that will bring another presentation into the school. It is musical in nature and well be befor the end of year.

**Teacher report** (Wendy Byrtus)  
  
The grade 7s will be going to Carleton this month. The KES students are joining them, along with many other grade 7s in the city.  
Kindergarten science program about worms will take place next week on Tuesday the 4th, and there was a nutition presentation by a parents in Mrs Labontes class.  
  
The talent show is this Thursday morning. Parents of performing students are welcome.

Penny for change is happening by clik, in support of a well.  
  
Grade 8 trip next week Wed, Thurs, Friday. Junior/intermediate track meets will take place the 3 and 13.  
  
  
  
**OCASC report** (Josh Kemp)  
Not much to report except that bouncy castle insurance was once again brought up. Teri ensures that she has checked and triple checked that we are in all ways covered.  
  
  
**Treasures report** (Josh Kemp)  
The current totally are likely inaccurate as there is still a lot happening. He projects that we will break even by the end of year, however finalized books will not be submitted until the coming school year begins.  
  
*Carol is asking for some additional money for teacher appreciation. $150. Approved by council  
Dorothy asks, can the extra spirit money be years for play days? $120 Aproved by council.  
Extra $100 for leaving celebrations, $120 for volunteer appreciation, Extra $100 for the festival. All approved by council.*  
  
Josh asks how we are going to **raise money** for next year (specifically for the iPad project). Ron will be able to fund a few for each class room for the coming year. He asks that we as a council fund events as we have this year. We agree to discuss this at the beginning of next year.  
  
  
  
**Communications corner**

Nilay not present but activity on the blog has increased. People will be encouraged to sign up at kindergarten night, and the year end celebrations.  
  
  
**Other**

We chat about our yard and play structures and the accessibility for a wheelchair. Ron agrees to look into grants and additional funding that may be available for us in the coming year.  
  
  
  
**Adjournment** at8:39

**Happy summer!**