Castlefrank Elementary School

School Council Meeting

November 26, 2013

**Attendance**: Ron Henry, Sheila Ball, Anne Labonte, Carmen Brubacher, Josh Kemp, Carol Mothersill, Kim D'Angelo.

**Meeting called to order** at 7:02pm

**Approval of minutes** from last meeting: Approval by Carol/Carmen

**Approval of agenda**: Approved by Josh/Kim

**Review of action items**: Ron and Natasha to solicited input on the $2000 wish list and gather information on upcoming extra-curricular activities.

**Chair report** (Carol Mothersill, Carmen Brubacher)

**Calendar of events:**

Our first *coffee club* will happen on the 4th , at 8:30am in the music room.. Carmen and Carol will have a somewhat focused discussion but it will be completely informal.

*Bake sale* the on 12th - 5 or 6 classes will be asked to help out this time around, and a volunteer schedule will be posted shortly. A few cakes will be available as a mini "cake walk" (these cakes will be available for pickup the day of, or the following day)

*The Winter concert* and *Reading by the Fireside* with Mr. Henry will both take place on the 13th. This year’s concert will take place twice throughout the day so that all students have an opportunity to participate. The show will be the same in the morning as in the afternoon, with the exception of the kindergarten portion.

Dec 19th (our last day befor the holidays) will be *PJ day*.

**Principals Report** (Ron Henry)
As far as the *school renovations* go, Ron has no new news except that the kindergarten teachers have all sat down and chosen what the new classrooms will look like.

The staff have chosen a *school improvement* *plan goal* of implementing self regulation. The biggest part of this is the "mind up" curriculum. All students will be working on this program which will encourage both effective learning and calmness. Ron presented these new ideas last week at the chat with the principal and the response was great. He is very excited that this is being driven by the full day kindergarten program, it is nice that this will be starting with the students at the kindergarten level and working its way up.

Also at chat with the principal, he was given feedback on both general and specific questions. This information has been put into *a survey monkey* for additional feedback and will be sent to all parents in the near future (hopefully later this week).

We are looking for parents to be involved in a *school handbook committee* and once a document is formed in the coming months, this will be distributed to all families.

**Teacher Report** (Anne Labonte)
Thank you for the book fair! The teachers were thrilled with the outcome.

As far as *extra-curricular activities* go, choir will continue throughout the year. Indoor sports will hopefully be put in place for January and February. Some things are in the works and more information will follow. Also, healthy eating will be promoted in the school as a whole, and a craft club will be introduced. A math club is being set up for February/March and could lead into the kangaroo math competition. Additionally, there will be track and field in May, and a running club during May and June.

*$2000* *wish list funds*- The teachers have come up with several great ideas, some smaller scale dealing with the above mentioned extra-curriculars, and several larger scale thoughts. One of the things that came back was a "tradansa". Also and anti bullying presentation both of these would apply to the whole school. Another thought was supplementing bus funds for feildtrips. Carol says that if teachers can combine for field trips, we could potentially fund some bus trips. Other thoughts included recess toys such as buckets, shovels, balls, four square and hop scotch paintings, (Ron notes that there may be less pavement in the future). Council has asked the teachers to prepare proposals for the 10th so we can have a quick meeting to make decisions as to how funding will be allocated. We need to know which teachers are providing the proposals, how the money would meet a need currently not being met, which students the funds would effect and exactly how much money they are requesting.

Our *school raised* $445 which will be matched by the government for the typhoon survivors. So far over $1300 has been raised by the Movember campaign! Ron is amazed by all the parent involvement and we thank everyone.

**OCASC Report** (Josh Kemp)
Josh was unable to attend this month’s meeting, but Sarah sent a quick update and not much went on that would pertain to us. She has however learned that the transportation authority offers a *safe walking program* where they will meet with you and work with you to plan a safe route of travel. Parents who have expressed safety concerns may want to look more into this.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Josh Kemp)
Josh has just finished sorting through scholastic. He will have an updated statement for December.

**Fundraising** (Carmen/Carol)
*Pizza* is going well. Orders are remaining static, although there has been no increase, they aren't dropping.
No update on *Hot Dogs*...No news is good news.About 35 students are participating in *Lunch Lady* and this generates about $35 per month.

Our recent *movie night* brought in a profit of about $350. A great bunch of families came out.

The final number of *entertainment books* sold was 174. The majority of the money has now been spent to fill our library! We have some extra books that will be raffled off at various events over the course of the year.

**Spirit committee** (Carmen Brubacher)
*Jersey day* was a lot of fun. Al students got Timbits and a little (hockey) movie time in the gym. Participation was huge. Next up, PJ day.

**Other business**
*Snowsuit fund:* two full boxes went to the snowsuit fund and they were absolutely thrilled. They give CES a big thank you.
*Book fair:* It was a huge success! There were a few accounting challenges but overall it ran incredibly smooth. The total sales were over $6000 which means that it generated about $3000 for the library. There was a lot of foot traffic, and a lot of people from Katimavik came over. The wish lists were very well received both by shoppers and teachers. Side note, Ron has also provided $3000 for *French resources*. Big thanks to Megan Venner for organizing this event.

A parent voiced a concern about the *bathroom cleanliness*. Ron and Phil are continuing to focus on this.

**Meeting adjourned** at8:12pm