

Belfast School Council Meeting
January 23, 2017 6:30pm
Library Learning Commons - Belfast School

1. Call to order: **6:35pm**
 - Approval of this agenda
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes: **Amber Anderson-Godfrey**
3. Chair Report (20 min) Robbie-Lynn Nichol
 - **Teacher Appreciation Feb 7th**
 - Good for food donations
 - need 1 more volunteer for lunchroom
 - *Babysitting/Home Alone Course update*
 - waiting to confirm dates
 - *Grade 6 Farewell Committee Sign-up*
 - looking for someone to spear-head
 - sign up sheet handed out tonight, will be on the Parent Council board as well
4. School Report (30 min) Lori Holford
 - *Fish Creek Grade 1 and 2 students went to Fish Creek*
 - Paid for with Activity Fees
 - Science outcomes and exploration of natural environment
 - great weather, great guide
 - *Tennis Residency*
 - Paid for with Activity Fees
 - Alecia Hampshire has been with us a number of years
 - 1 week
 - All students k - 6
 - *Rogue Naturalist*
 - AFA grant matched by Fundraising Council
 - Science through art focus
 - 6 weeks
 - Includes 3 professional sessions for teachers
 - Celebration February 28 starting at 6pm
 - *Leighton Center on site visit*
 - Grade 5 and 6 students involved
 - Paid for with Activity Fees
 - Replaces the original off site activity (fall 2016)
 - Full day of Arts Centred learning
 - Multiple media forms

- *Art Raffle*
 - Changed from Art Auction to Art Raffle - Auctions require everyone to be at the same place at the same time. Raffles are accessible to everyone - physically and financially.
 - Collaborative project between We Care Club and Belfast Fundraising Council
 - Collaborative projects - 1 per class
 - Furniture or other substantial piece
 - Will be a raffle process
 - During Parent Teacher interviews
 - Furniture donations appreciated
- *Belfasty Days*
 - Trying something new, helping out the days when all Kindergartens are together, 40 students is a lot in one classroom
 - Choice and Options
 - Based on an Ed Camp Model
 - Varying themes
 - Jan 27 literacy (Div 1 only)
 - Feb 19 STEAM challenges
 - Students rotate through 3 activities
- *PLC Work and School Development Plan*
 - Worthy tasks worth repeating
 - Building skills from k - 6
 - Grade 1 and 2 describing a “moment”
 - Grade 3 and 4 persuasive writing
 - Grade 5 and 6 stating and backing up opinions with evidence
 - 6 week cycles - baseline established, formative assessment informs personalized learning
 - Cross Grade PLC's
 - Cross Curricular Connections
 - Literacy through Art
 - measurable, attainable and strategies that staff can commit to
- *Impacted Schools*
 - Colonel MacLeod School -Traditional Learning Center + regular program from the catchment area. 3/4 of students will be TLC with uniforms, 1/4 students will be using the regular program.
 - An official announcement will be made in March.
 - Belfast Students who live in our catchment area are designated to MacLeod as their neighbourhood school.
 - Information is posted on the CBE main site
- *Front Door Security*
 - 155 respondents
 - We will start February 6th
 - Iterative process - adjust as necessary
 - Doors will remain open until 8:40 each morning to allow for late arrivals.

- Doors will open up again at 2:55 and remain open until 3:30 to allow easy access.
- Regular sign in procedures whether doors are locked or unlocked.
- The button will be well marked.
- Parents are always welcome!
- Doors are never locked from the inside
- The Admin Secretary job will be impacted by all scenarios in different ways
- Students will be trained to use the bell and we will adjust our plan as needed

- *Staff updates*

- Ann Yee - temporary Kindergarten teacher
- Romona Churchman - returning Monday Jan 30
- Candice Cornies - now a permanent EA with Belfast

- *Calendar*

- January 27 - February 2 Grade 3-6 Swimming
- January 27 (div 1) and Feb 10 #Belfasty Da
- January 27 Report Cards go out on Friday
- February 3 - Non Instructional Day
- February 16 and 17 - Teachers Convention
- February 28 - Residency Celebration
- June farewell assemblies have been switched. Grade 6 farewell will be June 27 and the school farewell assembly will be the last day, June 28.

5. Reports from Committees (20 min)

- *Kindergarten Representatives* - Mandi Henn/Caitlin Dillman (5 min)
 - Mrs. White on short-term leave
 - Ann Yee is doing a great job filling in, was left instructions as well as student input of the daily schedule
 - beginning/ending sounds, eagles, coyotes, enjoying Rogue Naturalist time
 - Ms. Yee is enjoying her time with the students
- *Key Communicator* - Chelsea Masini (5 min)
 - Chelsea unable to be here tonight
 - CBE survey grade 4 parents being sent an Accountability Pillar survey coming soon
- *Volunteer Coordinator* - Amber Anderson-Godfrey (5 min)
 - nothing to report

6. Unfinished Business for Decision and Action (5 min)

- at the AGM - would like to propose a new position - WE Care liaison to collaborate with Parent council and the Club. Both holding fundraisers, both accessing the same group of parents. Kids like to know what they are fundraising for as well. Service Learning Liaison
- meeting dates until AGM
 - Mon March 20
 - Mon April 24
 - Mon May 15

- AGM June 19
7. Wrap up and Discussion (5 min)
 - Thank you Nadine Ayer and Dana Fraser for coming tonight
 8. Meeting Adjournment **7:57pm**

Next meeting February 27th, 2017