

Ignace School Council Meeting

Monday February 13th, 11:30-12:30

Present: Adele Marth, Jennifer Ealey, Jessica Houtz, Twyla Berube, Dana Caines

1. Approval of previous minutes was deferred at this time because no one from previous meeting was present.
2. Elementary Student report by Jack Qualie:
 - a) There will be a 4-6 Basketball Tournament in Ignace on March 7.
 - b) There will be a 7/8 Basketball tournament in Dryden on March 1.
 - c) Hockey academy is going well. Students seem to really like it.
 - d) The milk program has also started at lunch.
3. Secondary Student report by Tiana Ferrara:
 - a) Basketball and volleyball are now over. Badminton practice has begun.
 - b) Last week was the first meeting to discuss grade 12 grad.
 - c) Athletic wear has been ordered
 - d) OSAID is doing a Valentine's Day Fundraiser. Candy grams are being sold for \$1 and Persians are \$2
4. Correspondence/Email
 - Emails as well as newsletter are the best way to convey messages to parents. Also through Facebook the Falcon could send messages to parents or post about upcoming events. A suggestion for a school app was made that would have all important school information.
5. The idea of a Wellness Day was presented. Some ideas for this day that were brought forward are:
 - Yoga/mindfulness/meditation
 - Diabetes education
 - Anaphylactic training
 - A healthy snacks station
 - Mental health education
 - Sexual health activities – handshake virus game
 - Personal fitness
 - High school students should be surveyed to see what topics they would be interested in learning about
 - Perhaps we can connect our wellness day to the Health Fair held by the clinic
 - Shorter blocks should be held for the younger students (15-20 minutes) with a physical activity component after that
 - Age ability should also be considered when planning activities and the length of time
6. Chocolate milk sales have been successful with an average of 35 milk being sold a day. A suggestion was made to have someone walk to the smaller grades to offer the milk if they are too afraid to line up. Is there a grant or can agencies be approached to sponsor a child who cannot afford milk.
7. Another elective day will be taking place in March after the break. This one will be more careers oriented for the high school. Wally Davenport was given as an idea to approach for this day as he is knowledgeable with computers, web design and coding.

8. Parental Engagement

- a) Having a school app would be helpful. The app would include:
 - Asking parents if they require support at home
 - offering a list of reading/writing resources for them to access
- b) Have an at home reading school challenge or make a scavenger hunt for reading with incentives.
- c) Give parents a list of apps that are available for their kids

9. Grade 7/8 area

- create this in the outdoor classroom area
- could be as simple as having a canopy over some benches

10. Other

- Amanda was curious as to why cursive writing was no longer taught at school.
- perhaps a cursive writing club could start at school for those interested.