

School Council Meeting
September 19th, 2016

Present: Jessica Houtz, Adele Marth, Twyla Berube, Tianna Ferrara, Jack Qualie

Regrets: Y. Dungey

1. Policy review:

- KPDSB Policy #501 was reviewed; there is a copy available on the school website
- we were debriefed on student code of conduct
- the school improvement plan was discussed
- a chair person will be discussed at the next meeting, when the parent representation will hopefully be more plentiful
- parent involvement committee, Jessica Houtz sat on the pic last year

2. Student Reports:

Jack Qualie ,elementary update

- 4-6 & 7/8 baseball underway
- 7/8 are planning dances in the near future

Tianna Ferrara, secondary update

- Sr/Jr boys volleyball won last week
- Jr girls basketball won last week
- OSAID has started up again
- School event options are being discussed
- The Student Council teacher is Jen Yuriy
- Athletics wear orders are being organized
- There was a field trip to Kenora , the 11/12 Bio & 5/6 classes traveled to tour the Experimental Lakes Project

3. Goals:

The goals for the 2015-2016 school year were:

- communication
- encourage parent engagement
- playground development

4. Playground:

- a question was raised about the canopy being too high
- the structure is perfect: our input was included: colour, scheme, and variety of activities

5. Principal's Report:

- the water situation was discussed. We currently have a lead reading that exceeds safe levels
- our outdoor signs are being updated
- the handicap entry button may need to have a sign posted, explaining the entry system
- the school website was reviewed
- the Board makes a KPDSB video each year; Chantal will check into having it shown at our next school council meeting. There is extra footage of the Ignace School visit and the videographer came to work with our media arts class and the photography class to put an "Ignace School" video together for us
- Chantal applied for funding for PRO Grant (Parents Reading Out) on behalf of school council. Ideas for the grant include a spring wellness event. Partnerships with community organizations will be sought
- Hockey Academy is being offered at Ignace School this year. Dustin Murry is the coach/teacher. There are 20 students registered from grades gr.3-5, 11 students in grades 6-8, and 21 secondary students. More equipment is needed, donations are gratefully accepted. Chantal will look into having Mr. Murray come to talk to us for our next meeting

- There is an anti-bullying presentation taking place at Ignace School on Sept 20th, 2016. We are waiting to hear back from the company, Reportbullying.com, to see if they would be receptive of us opening up the presentation to the public

-The MNR was approached regarding planting trees in the playground. A tree planting activity in collaboration with the school is being looked into. Rosa Harrington from the NWHU could be involved due to “shade provisions” falling into her program outreach. Kelvin Davenport with the MNR, will advise regarding types of trees and Yvonne Romas from the MBCHC will be invited regarding fruit trees and bushes.

-We would like to see a parent survey taken this school year. Ideas to include in the survey could be: setting new goals, requesting input on areas of concerns, identifying school’s strength/positives. In hopes of improving the survey return rate, School Council would like to offer a more enticing prize, perhaps a chance to win a gift certificate with a \$50.00 value.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

11:30 – 12:30

Room 14B, Ignace School