

Welcome and introductions

- Principal Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
- Sheet circulated for attendance and email address/contact info

ACTION: None

Attendees:

- See attached

Elections/Appointment of 2018-2019 Members:

- Principal Miller informed parents that people needed to be present to be voted in, parents who submitted their names but who were not in attendance were unfortunately not permitted to be considered
- Those who had submitted their names before the deadline were acclaimed to the position (Tania Goulding, Lesley Prestwich, Peter Armstrong). Nominations were taken for the remaining 5 positions, all 5 positions were acclaimed (Maria Kavanagh, Julie Promoli, Lisa Baldwin Smith, Ashley Jordan Melvin, and Sal Aldouri.)
- The 8 School council positions who will represent the parents of Assikinack's School Council are filled by:
Tania Goulding (Chair)
Leslie Prestwich
Peter Armstrong
Maria Kavanagh (Secretary)
Julia Promoli
Lisa Baldwin Smith
Ashley Jordan-Melvin
Sal Aldouri
(These eight people will hold voting ability.)
- Jocelyn Valley and Michelle Brown will be the Teacher Reps on School Council
- Julieanne Patamia is the Non-Teaching Rep

ACTION: None

House Colour School Initiative

- Ms. Black introduced the new House Colours program
- This is a new program that Ms. Black and Ms. Seymour will lead
- Objective of program is to promote school spirit, promote team work and give all grades and ages an opportunity to work toward a goal together
- This is in place in a few schools in the district but the first time Assikinack is doing it
- Teachers went to another school to see how program is run, benefits, risks etc.
- Teachers happy and enthusiastic about this program
- Students will be put into teams - mixed ages and grades
- Each team will have the opportunity to earn points for their team over the course of the school year

- Team points will be posted in the school lobby so teams know how they are doing
- Eight teams - 40 kids per team , two to three staff per team
- Siblings will be on the same team for the duration of their time at Assikinack PS
- This will avoid competitiveness amongst sibs and give families the ability to use team shirts for multiple children should they choose to do so
- Team shirts will be available for \$7.00/shirt – cost was kept low to ensure all families could purchase if they wish
- If families choose not to purchase shirts that's ok, children can wear shirt from home
- Points tied to team building within whole school
- Staff will be able to allocate points and will submit once a week
- Current "Awesome" ticket program will transition to this Team Colours Program
- Parent request: Can we reinforce the behaviour with children so they really understand why they are getting points/rewards for
- Parent concern: Will this inadvertently promote bullying if kids get too competitive – the teacher have spoken to lots of schools about this program and none have identified this as an issue
- Plaque in the lobby of school will go to the winner at the end of the year + "bragging rights"
- This is a 'growing' year, will modify and amend as required throughout the year
- October 12 kick off assembly - shirts will be in by then - will do team building activities each year

ACTION:

- Shirts available at "Meet the Teacher" night so parents can see sizes, can purchase on line or from school
- Parents ensure children wear team shirt or house colour shirt from home on Oct 13 for the kick off of the program

Approval of minutes from last meeting on May 28th, 2018

- Minutes were reviewed and approved
- Request to send out minutes with meeting reminder so people can review ahead of time
- Minutes will be posted on the school website also

ACTION: Send out meeting minutes with meeting reminders**School Council Annual report:**

- Tania (Chair of School Council) and Principal Miller met in June
- Parent request: How much is School Council balance out of the overall balance (see action section)

ACTION: Principal Miller will provide School Council with a financial report outlining school council fundraising at the next meeting.

Fundraising plan/School generated funds:

- Hot lunches will be available October to the first week of June
- Stops in early June because lots going on so hard to maintain food program
- Hot dogs – Kirkland hot dogs no longer meet requirements
- Leslie has found another, less expensive option
- Principal Miller will review option to ensure it meets school dietary requirements
- Principal Miller would like to establish a small committee to review the hot lunch program (what lunches, what days etc.)
- Leslie, Amy, Jessica and Lisa volunteered to work with Principal Miller on this
- Forms for lunches will be sent out the week before thanksgiving
- Breakfast program will operate on Friday mornings
- Baskets will now be available but no baking
- Parent request: Can we solve the issues around baking so we can continue? Would like to maintain relationship with Community Living
- Principal Miller: We will talk to Community Living program to see if baking can stay but current issues need to be addressed
- Lunch Lady will still be an option for those who want to order, these orders happen on line and are not associated with the school
- Edumotion/eduction program - Parents will pay 2\$ and school council will pay this rest
- Meet the Teacher night – we will have pizza available for families to purchase
- We will run the gift card program again this year
- Parent request: Can we look into a BBQ option?
- Feedback: No one attends but Principal Miller will add “Community Event” so we can keep something open as an option (between October and June)
- Teachers have requested \$50.00 each to put toward classrooms - APPROVED
- “No Time for that” anti-bullying presentation on September 19
- Parents to send in two dollars per person, school council will give \$200 honorarium
- Gaga ball pit - 6k – for the Intermediate and up children – we can use money that we made from hot lunches
- Parent comment: Uncomfortable making decisions about spending substantial amounts of money without more parent consultation
- No decision was made about any playground enhancements
- If we want anything done this year need to have paperwork in before Christmas
- Outdoor classroom was put in labour day
- Parent request: can we look at new playground equipment?
- Principal Miller indicated that the School Board discourage climbers - walking paths/ natural things are what is being promoted
- Parent Comment: How are the Grade two’s managing in the big yard? Will there be an issue in winter?
- Teachers asked for grade twos to be in the big yard - has cut down on issues/behaviours etc. Concern about winter? No, rarely is the tarmac “closed” so no issue

- School council events/ Initiatives
- Open hallways - need to replace book fair, maybe a bake sale - bid on your kids artwork – to be discussed further at subsequent meetings
- Parent question: What decision making ability does School Council have? Principal Miller School Council is an advisory board....school and principal ultimately responsible for decisions

ACTION: Reassess at next school council meeting

- Cathy Lethbridge (Principal of Well-Being) presented on Self Regulation last year, Council would like to see her return and present again.
- There is a possibility we may be able to offer a self regulation course run by Cathy.
- Basketball courts needs to be updated - Wendy will get a quote to find out what the cost would be (Note: Principal obtaining quote to have backboards replaced and hoops repainted, we will not replace nets because they just get stolen)
- Principal Miller: We will work with Community Living program to ensure they have a role to play in the snack program at Assikinack. We value this Community Partnership.

Principal's Report

- Reorganization - no reorg this year
- School has 307 studentss
- Parent comment: lots of split classes this year, why?
- Principal Miller: 7/8's in particular big classes cohorts don't get along; teachers agree this is a good split. Reason for splits is student numbers, personalities in cohorts
- Brochure from Ministry about splits is available if anyone wants a copy
- Outdoor classroom completed may add some trees etc.
- Are there enough rocks - going to get feedback from teachers
- Code of conduct review – Board reviews every three years, reviews with School Councils as part of that process – Principal Miller will share with Tania when made available

ACTION: Principal Miller will share code of conduct information with Tania as available

Other Business:

- Tower Garden – Ms Brown has her own tower garden and will bring it to her classroom
- We will get feedback from Ms. Brown re how students like it and then discuss possibility of purchasing
- Yard Supervision – EA's are on the yard, they are assigned to support specific students, they are still responsible for helping with overall supervision

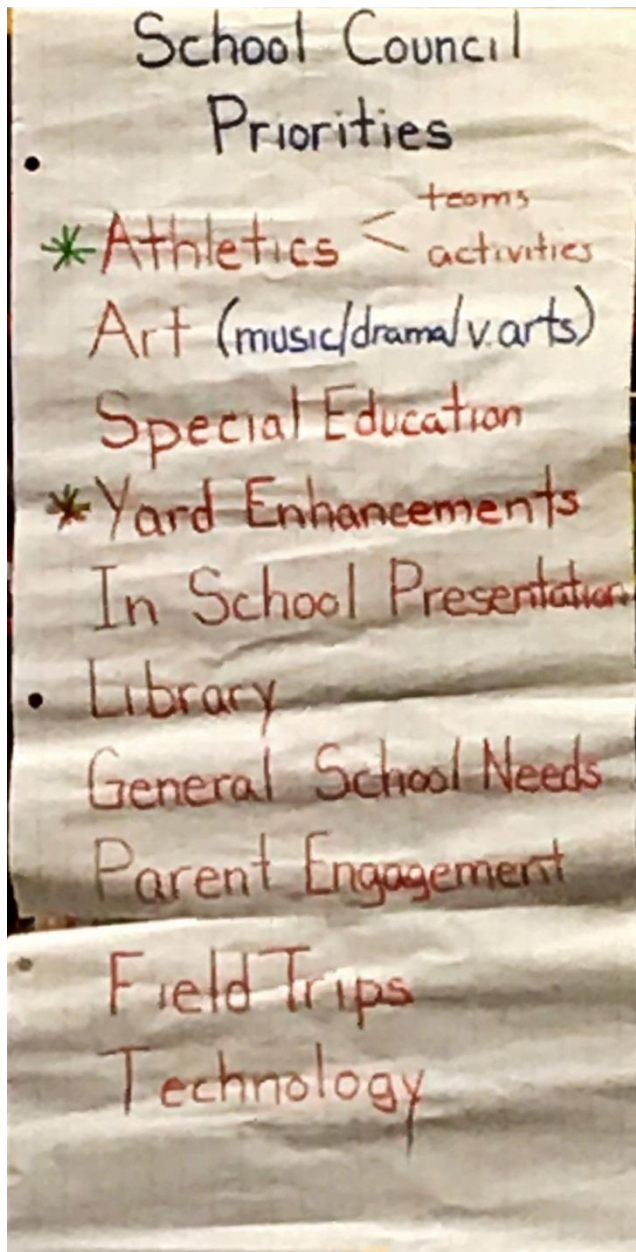
- Need volunteers between 5-7 pm for meet the Teacher Night for pizzas – see Tania for volunteer shifts (20 min rotations should work if enough volunteers)

ACTION: NONE

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next meeting dates:

- November 26
- January 28
- May 27



What We Did

- hot lunches (3)
- food trucks (2)
- cupCakes (2)
- Meet the Teacher
- Open Doors
- Dances = Halloween
Bunny Hop
(Education)
- Library
- Hewitts
- Gift Cards
- Self Reg = workshop
conference
- Frozen Pizza
- gym equipment
- PALS equipment
- Outdoor = classroom
toys

Breakfast club volunteers - 5 day program (metro green apple grant)

Outdoor classroom

Code Of Conduct Review -

APM A7630 requires that the SCDSB Code of Conduct and any individual Code of Conduct be reviewed every three years. As part of that consultation, the board is consulting with school councils as well as a variety of other stakeholders.

Council Dates

- Permits set for Nov 26, Jan 28, May 27

Other Business

- Tower Garden
- Yard Supervision