

School Council Minutes

Date	April 10, 2017
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Fiona Nyuli, Shannon Blyth, Nina Brown, Andrea Sedgwick, Brandy Laurin, Rae Molzan
Guests	None
General Business	
Start Time	6:39 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Colette Lastiwka
Committee Reports	
Bottle Drive <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle drive will be held in various neighborhoods on Saturday April 22 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Proceeds from the bottle drive will be used to purchase a water bottle filling station for the school • Volunteers will be given posters to put up in neighborhoods advertising the bottle drive, they will also have a letter from the school validating the fundraiser, along with posters to hand out advertising the Plant Sale • Bottles collected will be brought back to the school and picked up by Sherwood Park Bottle Depot, volunteers will only collect the bottles no sorting is required • Volunteers will enjoy a lunch immediately following the bottle drive
Plant Sale <i>Nina Brown</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 6th Annual Plant and Compost Sale will be held at the school on Saturday May 13 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Order forms for gift certificates have been sent home. Gift certificates are \$25 each and can be used at the plant sale or anytime after at South Cooking Lake Greenhouse • Concession will be available, profits will go to the Water Bottle Filling Station
New Business	None
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the February meeting we discussed the possibility of having a Mother's Day Indigo FUNdraiser. It was decided that we would revisit this fundraiser in the fall as we have two upcoming fundraisers the Bottle Drive in April and Plant Sale in May • At the February meeting Parent Council was asked to consider increasing the budget for Families In Need from \$250 to \$600, due to an increase in need this school year. After discussion it was decided that money budgeted from Parent Council for Year End Field Trips could be moved over to Families in Need. This year students will not be leaving the school for their year end field trips, instead the school is planning a fun day at the school for students with games and activities (<i>Approved by All</i>) Rae will also check with the grade 6 students if they would consider donating their profit from the Halloween dance concession to Families in Need. This would be great for the WE students who are looking for ways to donate within their own community

School Report
Rae Molzan

- For the 2017/2018 school year the government has passed Bill 1 which is an act aimed at reducing school fees for families. This means that families will no longer be required to provide basic school supplies for their children. Parents will still be required to pay for field trip fees and (BYOD – Bring Your Own Device) in grades 4-12. Please see the following news release from EICS <https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/100713>
- Due to Bill 1 we are unsure if we will be able to do a Staples fundraiser again next year. Last year parents had the option of choosing a basic or premium supplies list. Basic supplies will now be provided by the school, but there may be the choice to purchase supplies for students from the premium list. Further information to follow once confirmed
- I have been contacted by Alien In Line Skating to see if we wanted to book them again for next year. I am wondering if Parent Council is interested in funding this again? After discussion about the ways Parent Council can support students on levels such as arts, culture, and sports. It was decided that we would defer this decision to the May meeting where we can decide what amount to donate for student enrichment
- Next year the students who are currently on a BYOD lease program will have the option to continue on this program. This option will not be available for students who are going into grade 4 or new students, they will have to purchase their device leasing will not be an option
- This Thursday April 13 (Holy Thursday) the grade 5 students will act out Stations of the Cross during assembly in 4th block, parents are welcome
- There is no school Friday April 14 and Monday April 17
- I have been continuing doing mini tours on the last day of the week for families that are interested in registering their children for next year
- Grade 5 and 6 badminton tournaments are Friday April 21 and Friday May 5
- Grade 7 and 8 badminton tournaments start tomorrow

Adjournment

Next Meeting

May 1, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Adjourned by Colette Lastiwka Time 9:09 p.m.