

Parent Council Meeting - September 25, 2017

Present: Kelly Anderson, Heather Pham, Debbie Green, Colleen Schenk, Rhonda Culbert

Elections: Low turn out so unable to proceed with elections. Grade 7/8 parent will put something out on Mustang Minutes. Could use School Messenger as a way to get message out as well. Can try this when it is up and running in next couple of weeks.

Administrator Report:

1. Have noticed a positive culture in Madill. Flexible learning space, bulletin boards with positive messages.
2. SIP: Literacy and Numeracy and Sense of belonging and student engagement. Trying to get at what is 'engagement?' Have a leadership team addressing this - school and environment engagement as well as intellectual engagement. Leadership team is going to the staff to set goals.
3. Literacy results stayed the same - good news as there was no 'dip.' Area of focus was open responses to reading passages. Dip in math scores this year. Numeracy work is focused on 8,9,10 - how to make thinking 'visible.' Now have an ELS20 - literacy skills course - targeted for grade 10 students who might not pass grade 10 literacy course - full credit course. Substituting Civics and Careers if needed. Also introducing a math intervention course.
4. There is funding for cafeteria as well. There will be a plan created for this space as well.
5. Lots of new staff this year as well.

Staff Report: 1. Smooth transition for grade 7 students. Three straight 7 classes and three straight 8 classes.

Trustee Report: 1. Suicide prevention presentation this Wednesday in Goderich (9:30 - 4:00)
2. 7/8 's did not go to school fair (Belgrave) but fair was a good success. Lots of kids from Sacred Heart. Lots of exhibits and kids there. Games were added this year. Is only school fair in Ontario. Lots of exhibits to do with Canada's 150th.
3. Board meeting tomorrow night. Looking for a trustee in Goderich area as one has retired. Applications in by October 6th.
4. This is the first year that there have been no redundancies; new teachers have been hired.

Next Meeting Date: November 13th at 6:30pm