

New Prospect School Council Meeting

April 19, 2017

All stakeholders create a culture of learning so that students come first.

Present: Calista, Tanis, Karen, Rhonda, Keri, Shannon, Teri, Scott U., Talia, Grace

Regrets: none given

Student Reps: Run down of class activities – younger grades are learning about spring, centres in math and literacy, even science! And word walls; intermediate grades are immersed in STEM, lots of math and science, preventing bullying; and in the older grades lots of science, math, Hunger Games book series, persuasive writing and EQAO preparations for Grades 3 & 6.

Garage Sale May 4 & 5th (for Grade 8's Toronto trip)

Badminton team (first year of a team) going to Kenora!

Pilot program of Project Sunset has begun – 23 week program (leadership, healthy & active living); replacing DARE, 4 schools in region for pilot

Math Carnival – 270 cones of cotton candy, 460 pieces of pizza, and 200 bags of popcorn. Feedback was well received...wanted longer time.

Fundraising: Kernels orders due, delivery in mid-May; need plastic shopping bags and helpers day of to organize. Can we order extra? Yes, 5 bags of each.

Hockey Academy (7 & 8's) to DHS: Scott Urquhart discussed the consultation meeting that was offered to parent of NPS, developmental model presented, next step is to form a working group (parents needed), this is NOT Board driven, however DHS driven, academic focused, not provincially funded, wanting to continue to offer this program at no cost to families.

Questions – Why just NPS parents at consultation meeting? Other students are considering HA and their voices should matter too. Why HA, why not Fine Arts which seems a better fit with the opportunities of stage, musical instruments, cosmetology room, etch? When will there be more consultation? Transparency is key. How about Kenora parents of 7 & 8's to come and talk about the good, the bad and the ugly of the move?

ACTION: form a working group by end of April (ensure to discuss graduation, Toronto trip or different opportunity, where about within DHS, supervision, etc.)

Outdoor Classroom & Playground: tabled until May meeting

New Business: Segregated classrooms again next year for hockey academy?
Will look into numbers.

Next Meeting: May 17th, 2017