

J. W. Walker School Council
Meeting Minutes November 6, 2018

In attendance: Peg Keffer, Tanya Wilson, Kerry Canfield, Sonja Bodnarchuk, Nicole Hill, Jill Kaun

1. Welcome – Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Review and approval of agenda – Approved by Jill, 2nd by Sonja.
3. Review previous minutes – Correct ECE teacher’s name is Heather Robinson in Principal’s Report part C. Approved by Kerry, 2nd by Jill.
4. Declaration of conflict – None.
5. Business arising from minutes - Briefly discussed “Poverty and Schooling”, will discuss further in Fundraising.
6. Old business/Updates
 - a) At the last meeting, we were uncertain as to who would fill the Treasurer position. Kerry agreed to speak to Helena Guertin to see if she would accept the position once again. Helena has since declined. Tanya was nominated, she accepted and Peg 2nd.
 - b) Christmas concert dates update – Dec. 12 Kindergarten classes will be in the auditorium from 5-5:30 and grades 4-6 will be from 6:30 – 7:30 at the Townsend Theatre.
7. News and Reports
 - a) See Financial Report.
 - b) PIC Report - we have been notified that there will be no funding from PIC this year for STEM night.
 - c) Teachers Report – Nicole Hill, Festival de Voyageur for Grade 6 is Feb 19-20. The plan is to sleep at the museum.
8. Principal’s Report
 - a) Two more EA positions are to be filled: One is to cover a maternity leave and the other will be a permanent position.
 - b) Parent Interviews will be Nov. 20 from 4-6:30.
 - c) Remembrance Day Assembly will be Nov 9 at 11:30.
 - d) Tracy Tucker is leading the Playground Activity Leaders in School (PALS) program.
 - e) On Dec 6-7 there will be a free workshop on Robotics from Science North for grades K-6.
 - f) Dec 21st is Gingerbread house making day.
 - g) Staff gave a lot of positive feedback about Oct. 26th PD day which included Robert Moore, Mine Centre and J. W. Walker staff at Robert Moore school. Next PD day will be on Nov. 26 and is being held at Fort Frances High School.
 - h) Peg is currently working on updating the school’s Webpage.

9. New Business

- a) Focus on fundraising for outdoor equipment and outdoor clothing to be available as part of the "Poverty and Schooling" discussion, "Acts of Kindness" bikes, and colour-coded balls (colours assigned to specific grades).
- b) Poinsettia fundraiser – Kerry has contacted Donna Lowey. She has agreed to partner with us again this year.
- c) Bake sale will be held on December 12th in conjunction with Kindergarten Christmas concert.

10. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in Room 123 at 6:30 pm.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.