



Princess Anne PS School Council

February 11, 2019

5:00PM to 6:30PM

Princess Anne Public School (Library)

Attending: Elisa McNeil, Sean Pretty, D. Koziar (via Google Meet), L. Whitehouse, Jennifer Davidson, Sandra Bond

Agenda:

- **Approval of December minutes**
 - Approved
- **Principal's Report**
 - Book Fair - May 6 & 7, looking for volunteers, will also run during the evening, great fundraiser for the school to purchase new materials.
 - Little Caesars Fundraiser (\$1614.00) - one of our best fundraisers, cost is \$6.00 per kit, kits arrive March 4.
 - Fencing (school yard in spring) - contact with facilities department, division will be created between laneway and field, snow being cleared, walkway to be created inside of the fence, hopefully will widen the bus lane for safety reasons.
 - Question raised about changing parking spaces, slant vs. straight spots, question raised about stop signs at Isabel and Albinson Streets.
 - Letter will be drafted on behalf of school, addressed to the city.
 - School Cash Online Pilot - transactions can be conducted online, various payment and refund options available, eliminates the need for children to bring money to school, electronic reports will be generated, pilot will roll out in April, only debit available to reduce costs with credit cards, user friendly for parents.
 - Ski trip - fundraising going well, Valentine's Dance fundraiser, no barriers for children who require financial assistance, ongoing communication with families to ensure all children may attend.
- **Principal's Profile**
 - Long-range fundraising
 - Starting to extend opportunities in the community
 - L. Whitehouse would love more input from other members
 - Ojibwe teacher and translator in place, concern about space
 - Any barriers preventing more parents from attending school council?
 - Look at involved parents within individual classrooms, providing childcare, investigate more flexible meeting dates for majority of parents, ask parents for feedback if they cannot attend meetings.



- **Other**
 - OPHEA Healthy Schools Initiative - next meeting (Kim Lawson). Will present new initiative on mental health, Mindful Mondays.
 - Bingo extended until 2020 - huge fundraiser, has reduced costs for field trips.
 - Spirit Wear - no profit made due to high cost, hope to have a table for ordering at various events (parent-teacher night, open house, Christmas Concert).
 - Good media piece around Kids Have Stress Too - social workers working with Grades 1 & 6 on a new pilot project.
 - Snow Days - message is consistent with all students to arrive at school if safe to do so; bizarre year for the amount, teachers will review missed work.

- **Adjournment - 5:42pm**

- **Next Meeting - March 4 @ 5:00pm**