

NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Music Room

Sep 23, 2024

Attendance: Melodie Bobilek, Bailey Benson, Carol Tymchuk, Keli Setzer, Kristi Burns, Colleen Dufresne, Brianne Setzer, Morgan Konchakowski, Christina Bowman

1. **Call to Order:** 3:33PM
2. **Approval of today's agenda:** Keli & Colleen/Approval of last meeting minutes from Apr 22, 2024: Kristi & Colleen
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **ASCA School Council Funds – brainstorm ideas how to handle the funds**
 - i. **Funds available for school councils and fundraising committees to:**
 - a. **Broaden the number of school events**
 - b. **Diversify communication tools used to reach parents**
 - c. **Seek advice and ideas of other parents**

Funds available were not used last year (\$500). Brainstorm ideas for this school year spending. Discussion last year to purchase flutes for Indigenous Day. All in favor of trying to do this for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. **New Business**
 - a. **School Council communication ideas – posting of the agendas and minutes**

Add agenda to the Niton School page & provide PAC e-mail address as a contact for future inquiries. Friday Sep 27th is Special Person Lunch Day. Good opportunity to promote PAC & encourage others to join.
 - b. **NCS funding requirements for program operation**

NCS would like parents to continue to help with fundraising events if needed via PAC.
 - c. **Fundraiser opportunities**

PAC will organize the Fa La La La Fundraiser. Kristi to send Bailey previous NCFs order form template to review.
 - d. **Spring break**

Question raised why spring break is a week later than previous years (goes through month end which could be tough for parents/guardians to juggle). Stakeholders are to have a say in when the spring break dates will be scheduled in future.
 - e. **Field Trips**

Question raised why some field trips contain an additional form for E-Contact information while others do not. Time, who produced the forms, etc. contributing factors. Staff are equipped with access to master E-Contact list while travelling with students on field trips.

f. **Volunteer Driving & Volunteer Packages**

School's strongly suggest avoiding using volunteer drivers when possible. However, when needed, rules around volunteer driving are "loose" in some areas yet "strict" in others. Rural schools should be subsidized for additional busing as incomparable to town/city schools with larger amounts of students to justify bussing costs. Volunteer package links don't appear to be working that were shared in the Weekly NCS Update (could only access criminal records form). Bailey to check the links.

g. **JH Schedule**

Schedule has PE at end of the day. Kids are encouraged to change before & after gym, however, feel rushed when trying to make it out the doors for bus time. This can lead to frustration for bus drivers if students are late which may put them behind their schedule to meet with joiner busses, etc. Having PE a bit earlier in the day would allow the students an energy break before afternoon classes. Bailey could consider different options for next scheduling.

5. **Hot Lunch**

Donation letters sent out. Request to include "make cheque payable to" on future donation letters.

Hot Lunch Donations

Opening balance	\$2,500
2023-2024 donations	\$1,300
	\$3,800

2023-2024 expenses	\$3,008.99
Remaining	\$791.01

Hot Lunch Fundraising

Opening balance	\$2,528.19
2023-2024 income	\$4,764.00
	\$7,292.19

2023-2024 expenses	\$3,455.27
Remaining	\$3,836.92

Total Hot Lunch	\$4,627.93
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Pancake Breakfasts sponsored by **Mcleod Trading Post** (dates below):

- Nov 1st
- Dec 20th
- Feb 14th
- April 25th

6. Sports Update

Leanne attended GYAC Meeting. NCS Volleyball fees will stay the same; NCS Basketball fees will increase to \$150 for the season. Concern that we may be short of ref's this season for home games. Details for upcoming referee clinic in Edson shared in the Weekly Newsletter. Strongly encourage anyone interested to attend!

Volleyball Tournament: Invite to Girls volleyball "B" tournament during Oct 12th (Thanksgiving) weekend at Grand Trunk.

Looking for volunteers to take over the sports concession during home games. This would include ordering food, supplies & organizing volunteers throughout the sport season (~8 concessions per year).

7. School Report

Budget Overview: \$30K less this year vs. last year due to less enrollment. Total of 96 students with 92.7% of budget going towards staffing with remaining going towards Student Learning Supports.

Students adapting well to cell phone policy.

Orange Shirt Day & Special Person Lunch Day scheduled Friday Sept 27th. No school on Monday Sep 30th.

Early Learning Screening for elementary Sep 9th – Sep 27th; staff review results after. Additional screening planned in the new year.

Speech/OT already started; caseloads created.

BEST after school programming will be available 1 day per week. More info to follow.

BEST/Wellness providing a fully stocked Hygiene Closet that will consist of shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. for students to access when needed. They will oversee stock throughout the year; closet will be placed in corner of the office where it can be supervised.

World Teacher's Day on Saturday Oct 5th; would love to celebrate teachers for their hard work & dedication.

Elementary report cards will be available on Power School only going forward. Encourage parents/guardians to access Power School if you haven't already. Pilot program in place to change Junior High to outcome-based reporting (exceeding, excelling, etc.) vs. % based reporting, like current elementary report cards. Report cards are designed to pull the most recent outcome at that given time. Senior High to remain as % reporting.

Dossier – new platform – ISP's (Instructional Support Plan). Platform can be used for attendance tracking. 10% absent is considered "Chronic" which amounts to 2 days per month. Teacher can call home up to three times then escalate to the principal if needed. Principal can then escalate by writing a letter to the Attendance Board.

School events: Looking to do the Turkey Trot again this year. Will communicate date when available.

Assurance Results went well. P&T results not until later.

NCS Logo change not until spring if it moves forward.

8. Division Update

a. School of Choice update

Engagement coming up Oct 10 for Fulham community

Interim fill currently in place for Carolyn Lewis

Policy 17 review to take place

9. NSC School Council Executive Positions:

a. Nomination for Chair – Christina Bowman

b. Nomination for Vice Chair – Kristi Burns

c. Nomination for Secretary – Leanne DeLeeuw

Next Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2024

Adjourned at 5:18PM