

Doon School Council Minutes

Meeting Date – Thursday, November 14, 2013

Attendees: Don Oberle (Principal), Kim Bingeman (Vice- Principal/Guest Presenter), Kim Lussier (Teacher/Guest Presenter), Joanne Weston, Lynn Hall, Sandra Pisters, Sharon Flood, Pam McConnell, Debbie Robb, Elora Zimmerman, Lisa Chard

Parent Information Session

“Transitions and secondary school course planning” – Kim Bingeman (Vice- Principal/Guest Presenter), Kim Lussier (Teacher/Guest Presenter) Presentation posted on the Doon website under Parent Resources: http://doo.wrdsb.on.ca/parent_resources

School Update:

- Bell Time Changes
 - Plan for Doon is to move schedule ahead 10 minutes (8:30am start time instead of 8:40am)
 - Concern raised about before and after school activities being impacted
 - Hard to comment on timing when org structure for Doon is still under review
 - Boundary Study
 - The new school is scheduled for a Sept/15 opening, but already there are delays
 - How will Doon adjust when the new school opens...and in the interim?
 - Feeder schools (especially JW Gerth) are very bottom heavy
 - Decisions will have to be made by January to be implemented by Sept.
 - Three different options are being considered for Doon for next year: Gr 6 – 8 / Gr. 4 – 8 / Gr 1 - 8
 - Public Meeting on boundaries will be held next Thursday (21st). Preferred option will be presented at the Public Meeting #2 to be held at Doon PS on Thursday December 5th at 7:00. All information can be found on-line BY CONNECTING THROUGH THE Doon school website or the WRDSB website.
- Questions:
- Can Children be grandfathered into the school WITH transportation?
 - Brigadoon currently offers daycare; will Doon be offering daycare for younger children before/after school?
 - If Doon becomes a 4-8, will Gr. 7s & 8s still maintain a partial rotary system?
- Remembrance Day Assembly was held on Nov. 11th. Students were very respectful
 - Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Conference was held on Monday November 4th
 - Don Oberle, Kim Bingeman, Kim Lussier (Teacher/Guidance), and Karen Atkin (Child & Youth Worker) along with parent representatives Jill Hubick and community representative Sandra LaChance from the Doon-Pioneer Park Community centre also attended - The event promotes inclusion and equity, and a positive school climate
 - Students surveyed last year were happy with the climate at Doon.

- Doon's areas of focus for promoting a more positive school climate are:

1. Anti-bullying – "Role of the bystander" – be an Upstander
2. Inject Respect through the 8 keys
3. Involve Parents and the Community

Fundraising

- Treasures Books
 - Over \$5,000 in profit
 - All books returned
 - 455 sold
 - 55% participation rate
 - 7-2 won the Mandarin Lunch (date to be determined)
 - 7-1 won the Ice Cream Treat
- Panzerotti Sales
 - \$600 profit
 - Pam will conduct a survey in January

Treasurer's Report

- There is \$12,191.83 in Council's account AFTER commitments

Financial Assistance

- Technology
 - Request for 10 iPads (including accessories) for a cost of \$4,000
 - Request to support the Red Maple Reading Program - \$500
 - Request to hold \$1,000 for Nutrition for Learning (actual need TBD)
- Council voted – all were in favour of the 3 projects listed above
- Projector for Gym, at a cost of \$8,000, was not deemed necessary given the cost

Yearbook Committee

- Lauren Hall (Lynn's daughter) interested in volunteering time to help with layout
- Joanne will contact the parent who worked with Diane last year to see if she is still interested in some of the photo downloads
- Joanne will assist in getting Lauren (and Lynn) set up on Tree Ring

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2014