

**North Star Community School
Parent Council Meeting
October 23, 2017**

Called to order at 7:03pm

Present: Mellisa Gallagher, Julie Slack, Erica Lantin, Paige Gascoigne, Carly Skrenski, Darren Skrenski, Lana Puumala, Jody Labossiere

Regrets: Megan Zacharias, Stacey Wood, Lisa Campbell, Sherri Dragan, Lorraine Gauthier-Stromberg

Approval of Agenda - Julie moves, Erica seconded, carried.

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 26 meeting - Lana moves, Paige seconded, carried

Principal's Report – The school is fully staffed as of today - Caitlyn Matichuk is 1.0 permanent, Monica Herbert is 1.0 LTO, Erica Lantin is now .3 FTE and .7 LTO, and Doug Ribey is .3 LTO. We are very short-staffed on supply teachers so please spread the word! Staff have been awesome and stepping in when there have been issues. There are now 155 students (2 new ones registered today).

TBayTel for Good Schools Grant - the application was submitted and the video was distributed. It is a voting grant this year, so we will need to get people voting.

PRO Grant update - Family Engagement Night (Arts, Culture and Math) - have to revisit dates so looking into January - perhaps the 16th or 17th. This could help with our community partners. Atikokan Museum, Pictograph Gallery, Metis Family Wellness Program, ANFC, Atikokan Library; ideas of people to ask - Thelma Cameron, music, dance, drama, painting, cardboard station, food option?

You're the Chef Program - It is a program from grades 5-8 to help teachers help students eat healthier. This is the cooking program that the NWHU is doing - it includes 90 minute sessions for 4-5 weeks. The NWHU is training the trainer! So parents and teachers can get the leader training and help out with the program. November 15 is the next session for trainers (8:15am start).

Hot Lunch - Mellisa and Julie are looking at starting the hot lunch soon, since Doug D and Dawn F will be trained in the program. Ideas are circulating.

Christmas Bazaar - It will be held sometime in the week of Dec. 11-15. People have already started donating, but will put out more requests. Maybe will try to wrap the

presents in the students' classrooms with some volunteers so that the chaos is down to a minimum.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 25 - School Bus Safety
- October 30 - Haunted House - Leah Nix and class are setting up a haunted house for all students to enjoy
- October 31 - Hallowe'en Parade and Classroom Parties
- November 2 - Flu Clinic - for students and parents to get the flu shot
- November 7 - Terrific Kids Assembly
- November 9 - Remembrance Day Activities - wear red
- November 14 - Early Progress Reports
- November 22 (Wednesday) - Parent-Teacher Night 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- November 23 - Science North at the school doing 4 workshops and an assembly, then having a Family Science Night from 5-7pm
- November 24 - PJ Day!
- November 27 - PD Day

Other - The grade 4&5 students are setting up clubs for the younger students - so far there are drawing club; soccer club; singing club (TBD)

- The grow tower (that was purchased by the school) is in the library - Dawn has already started some sprouts.

- The yearly drug awareness and bullying awareness posters will be made and brought to AHS.

Adjournment - 7:44pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00pm