

**North Star Community School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

Called to order at 7:10 pm

Present: Mellisa Gallagher, Julie Slack, Paige Gascoigne, Carly Skrenski, Lorraine Gauthier-Stromberg, Lana Puumala, Jody Labossiere

Regrets: Laurie Mosley, Erica Lantin, Stacey Wood, Sherri Dragan, Daniella Ojala, Jennifer Learning

Approval of Agenda – addition to New Business – Julie and Mellisa added Epicure Lana moves, Lorraine seconded, carried.

Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2018 meeting – Lorraine moves, Julie seconded, carried.

Old Business

1. Principal Profile – review of the profile – Mellisa has sent in the Council's input into the profile and has made it very clear that a few of the comments were from her personally (the need for the administration of a school to be a part of the community in general) but the rest of the Council has agreed with her comments.
2. Parent Engagement Night Report – Jody handed out the report for us to see. The night was over budget but was well attended and went really well.

Principal's Report

1. 14 weeks of school left, but it doesn't slow down! Jody applied for a grant to get kids and parents off of screen time (talent show, reading challenge) – received \$750 to book swimming pool for family swim nights (sponsored 6 nights in April) and then maybe doing family yoga nights with Tammy Stamler, and maybe some family library/Lego nights and maybe a family dinner/dance...
2. Reading Intervention program has been working well
3. Kindergarten registration – there are 16 new students for next year, with the 18 second years, so Jody has asked for 2 teachers and 2 ECEs hopefully
4. School organization – the principals have been asked for their projected numbers. North Star anticipates 149 students next year, which is the same as this year but Jody has asked for additional staff
5. Staffing numbers come in May, and administration doesn't necessarily get information on who will be the administration before the end of the year.

New Business

1. PRO Survey – the NWHU has received a grant in order to research parent engagement in education so Mellisa gathered information from us.
2. Epicure for the Community Kitchen – an invitation through the Atikokan Food Bank, which came through the Regional Food Distribution Association, saying that there was Epicure available: kitchen supplies. The question was asked should we be putting in a request for the hot lunch program. Mellisa and Julie will look into it and see what we can request.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- March 29 - Easter Brunch
- April 3 - Roseneath Theatre (Gr.4-8) at AHS
- April 4 - Jillian Jiggs Workshop (Kindergarten and Grade 1)
- April 11 - International Day of Pink
- April 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 - Free Family Swim Nights
- April 27 - PD Day
- May - 6 sessions of Swimming lessons for Grades 1&2
- May 4 - Paint Nite Fundraiser
- May 7-11 - Education Week Activities (Reading Challenge, Talent Show...)
- May 10 - Terrific Kids #3
- May 18 - Clean Up Day
- May 22 - June 4 - EQAO (Grades 3 & 6)
- June 7 - Family Fun Day
- June 15 - Kindergarten Graduation

Adjournment – 8:01pm

Next Meeting – tentatively Tuesday, May 29 at 5:30pm at Little Darlings