

September 28, 2021

NDPS School Council Meeting

Meeting began at 6:35 pm.

Brooke welcomes everyone. Introduction done by all parents.

Brooke shared agenda.

Council Nominations 2021-2022:

Laurie--President:

Kate--Vice Chair:

Liz—Secretary

Laurie—explained the scope of work for parents participating in parent council.

Principals Message:

-Hardest year so far with respect to organizing and teaching.

-Projected 260 kids. 302 students present. Last year we were at 298. School is growing. C

-Currently at 13 classrooms—new Kindergarten jk/sk. (McParlan) and new Grade 3 class (Mrs. Brandow). Working on hiring new staff. Possibly 1-2 more changes coming.

-Sherry Neilson—is not at the school. She will be back. There is a new database system; Laura Callahan (new temporary secretary) is now up to date on the new system!

-Some teachers have not had any access to EDSBY.

-Kids are happy to be back! Everyone settling in nicely!

-Library is back open!! Last year it was a holding area. Library is 20% storage and 80% useable space. Same for the gym.

-(No recess—Cohorts). Inside still doing hand sanitizing and lanes in the hallway.

-No Trent teaching students currently at the schools. Board has made the decision to hold all volunteers.

-Last year we had a Math coach assigned to our School. This year we have a reading intervention teacher targeting grades 1-3. Specifically 1-2. Erin McParlan is half in the class, and half reading intervention. The hope is to have all students are appropriate reading/grade levels by the end of the year.

Teachers Notes: Not Available—Amy Merrill sends her regrets.

Council Messages/comments:

Kate is trying to come up with something in the place of “Festive Feast”. Has been in talk with Emily Maes about doing a potential Cookie Club with students around the mid break.

Brooke suggested Ice Skating “Family Night”—Donation could come from local businesses. Kate will discuss with arena/township staff & local businesses.

Cassie suggested an online “wood working class”—perhaps the lions club could do something.

Kate asked if teachers have asked for any support or have any requests from parent council at this time. Brooke says it will be brought up at the next staff meeting.

Kate motioned for parent council to cover the \$545.00 Playground inspection fee as we have done in previous school years. Liz seconded.

October Date: to come up with fundraising plan.
Liz asked how specific the scope of fundraising needs to be.

Next Meeting Set:

Tuesday October 26th, 2021

Tuesday Nov. 30th 2021

7:09 pm Kate motioned to adjourn. Liz seconded.