

# **Lou MacNarin Home and School Meeting**

## **October 15, 2014**

Meeting Called to Order

**Attending:** L. Vallee, A. Kelly, S. Cail, K Carpenter, C. Dempsey, M. Murphy, T. Lee, H. DeWare

### **Principal's Report**

October Updates:

Staff working on Professional Development bringing neuroscience and cognitive psychology into the classroom to build learning strategies.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25GI3-kiLdo> Prof. Stanislas Dehaene

**Linking School Improvement Planning to Research that supports learning fluency in letters, sounds, words, math facts. These are the building blocks to help us learn vocabulary and number sense, and then problem solving and comprehension.**

Staff members are currently assessing students for fluency in literacy and math to identify where they currently are in their learning. This will help us to plan for the +1 of learning.

Positive Learning and working environment:

Our school goal is to promote pro social behaviors in unstructured times.

- Increased supervision on playground, cafeteria, teaching cafeteria, teaching playground, social club/sensory room.
- CHAMPS
- If It Hurts It's Wrong – reporting button added to our school web page.
- Guidance Referrals – reporting available to all staff on our school portal.
- Fitting In and Having Fun/Model Me Kids/Way to an A- video learning
- Guidance materials ordered to support students with lagging skills.

Magazine Fundraising will be winding up this week.

School is considering new fundraiser – selling blue and green garbage bags (winter/spring)

PSSC Training was held at Riverview Middle School on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Madame Roy – Grade 5 Immersion Teacher will receive an award in Fredericton for Excellence in Teaching. The Premier's Excellence in Teaching Award will be presented in November. The Department

of Education came to the school to video her teaching, working with teachers, interviews with staff and students. Madame Roy is our Math Lead teacher and is working with all staff to improve our practices in mathematics. She is providing enrichment for students. She is also working with teachers to support students who are having difficulty in mathematics. She is partnering with early years teachers to have her students be math buddies – allowing her students to mentor younger students through math games that target specific skills. Madame Roy has also developed the grade 3 – 5 math competition – Mathemathinks. She organizes our participation in a national math competition – Mathematica Centrum. She has videos posted on Youtube that explain mathematic strategies in a progression to help parents understand and support our mathematic strategies. Madame Roy also hosts the chess club for early years and elementary classes. She is also partnering with BrainRush – an online mathematics program to practice math facts. She mentors students and is passionate about learning – both for children and adults. She is working very hard to build the capacity of our students and staff. Madame Roy is a remarkable teacher/learner and it is exciting to know that her hard work will be recognized.

Our School will be reviewed this year by the Province. We will be working to prepare for an External Team to come and visit the school in May to look for indicators of school success. We will be needing parents to volunteer for a Forum to talk about our school. The external team will also be talking to staff, students, and stakeholders. We expect that the Department of Early Childhood and Education will be conducting surveys to get feedback from our community. We will be creating an internal team to prepare for the visit.

English as Another Language Tutoring has started. We currently have 8 hours per week.

We have a new French Monitor – Madame Bertrand is working to support French Language and Culture.

PALS will be starting soon.

### **Treasury Report**

We have available \$2,091.50 to spend. We received the reimbursement from the district.

### **Correspondence**

Breakfast Club has asked for funding to purchase griddles for the breakfast club.

There was a motion to spend \$100.00 for the breakfast program – L. Vallee, Seconded by Ashley Kelly. Motion carried. Rhoda Sturgeon will also donate a griddle as well.

Received a thank you card from Heather DeWare

E-mails for the Ghostly Gala – from parents interested in helping the Home and School

### **Ghostly Gala**

Bean Bag game to be donated

Student Volunteers??

Brennan LeBlanc

Alex Barrieau

Kiera McAlpine

Ashley Landry

Sherri Cail will meet with Julie Roy to discuss a playlist for the dance – Matt will be the DJ

Activities:

2 Face Painting Stations Miranda /possibly Mrs. Smith

1 Food Table – Sandy Thistle and Julie Higgins

- Popcorn
- Fish crackers
- Grapes
- Apples slices
- Juice boxes
- Pretzels
- Water dispensers
- Cups
- Napkins
- Brown paper bags
- Streamers
- Glow sticks

Decorating – Staff Volunteers

Dance

Mission Impossible – Mr. D will organize – Student Volunteers

Stickers

Work the door – Karen Carpenter and Sherri Cail

Talk Mail – Heather

Move to spend up to \$750 to purchase items for the Ghostly Gala. – Sherri Cail – Second – Chandra Motion carried.

Staff will work on decorations for the cafeteria and gym. Home and School members will purchase items listed above.

Move to spend up to \$300 to purchase items for the snack program -- Chandra Dempsey-- seconded by Sherri Cail

Committee will view items donated before purchasing items.

Student volunteers will create grab bags.

Motion to adjourn – Chandra Dempsey, Seconded by Leslie Vallee