

**Ness Middle School
Parent Network
April 12th Meeting**

1. **Call to order**

Time was 6:35pm

2. **Attendance**

Board Members Present: Quincy Barnesky, Julie Millar, Jocelyne McKie, Cindy Despina

Regrets:

Members at Large: Rob McMahon, Ed Ayoub, Dilara Analp

Quorum Met

Administration: Jordana Buckwold

3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve previous minutes made by: Jocelyne McKie

Motion seconded by: Quincy Barnesky

All in favour: Motion passed

4. **Administration Report**

1. **Staff Appreciation:** Thank you to our Parent Network for an INCREDIBLE Staff Appreciation week! Your hard work and dedication was greatly appreciated. Staff were overjoyed and spoiled all week.
2. **Fun Lunch:** Our Lunch Program Coordinator and fellow supervisors were extremely pleased with the first Ness Parent Network Fun Lunch. They reported that everything was very well organized and ran smoothly. Bravo!
3. **2017-18 registration information:**
We currently have 235 students for the upcoming school year.
FI – 234
ENG – 1
Total number of classes: Grade 6 – 5 classes
 Grade 7 – 5 classes
4. **Staffing for 2017-18:**
We will have a total of 15.5 staffing units
5 teachers from Golden Gate will joining Ness
4 additional positions will be posted
5. **School Plans for 2017-18:** Our Grade 6 team is working collaboratively to develop school-wide plans for 2017-18 in the area of Literacy and Numeracy. Plans are developed as a result of reviewing and analyzing data collected on student achievement in 2016-17.

Literacy: The identified action area is Reading and Writing in both French and English. The broad outcome is for students to improve their ability to read and write in order to communicate their thinking.

Numeracy: The identified action area is communication in Mathematics. The broad outcome is for students to improve their problem solving processes, strategies and solutions in oral, written and concrete forms.

6. **Regie Routman Residency:** Mme Careen and students in room 208 will be involved in our upcoming literacy residency. The focus of the residency will be technical writing in the area of Mathematics. The following practices will be used throughout the week: frontloading, determining audience and purpose, use of the Optimal Learning Model, demonstration writing, shared writing, scaffolded conversations, public conferences, peer revision, peer editing, publishing. Ness core classroom teachers, Middle Years administrators and coordinators will be observers and participants in this residency. They learn not only from our Resident Facilitator and Mme Careen but most importantly from our students. It will be a wonderful week for students and staff alike!

7. **Reorganization Committee Work:**

- Location of grade 7 & 8 classrooms
- School name and logo
- Teacher Advisory time and Assemblies
- Grade level Field Trips, Out of City Trips/Camps

8. **Outdoor Lunch Activities:**

- Basketball Tarmac: Four Square and Basket Ball keys will be painted on tarmac this spring. Parent Network to review the Divisional stencils as well as the stencils that can be purchased by the division to decide if there is interest in additional stenciled activities. Once decision is made, stencils and paint will be ordered and school caretaker will ensure to begin the painting.

9. **Clubs and Extra-curricular activities happening this term:**

- Social Justice Club
- Student Leadership
- Technology Club
- Games Club
- Art Studio
- Yearbook
- Concert Choir
- Vocal Jazz
- Jazz Band
- Bowling
- Badminton
- Ultimate

5. **Treasurers Report**

March Statement

Opening balance was \$2926.97

Funds out: \$1200.00 Festival du Voyageur

\$208.40 Fun Lunch

Ending balance: 1518.57

Motion to approve the treasurers report; Quincy Barnesky

Motion Seconded by: Cindy Despina

All in favour: Motion passed

6. School Grounds Committee:

Motion by Rob Mahon: To spend no more the \$1300.00 on picnic tables and outdoor lunch time recreational equipment.

Motion 2nd by Ed Ayoub

All in favour: Unanimous.

-Further suggestions for outdoor activities – long term: Tether ball, outdoor chalk board, beach volleyball court.

Revisit budget in May to decide on how much money to invest on outdoor equipment and picnic tables.

7. Fundraising

Investigate a healthy vending machine.

Action: Cindy Despina to get more information.

Special Lunch Review

Action: Julie to speak with Subway regarding including all toppings. Also to have students report any missing toppings.

8. **Old Business** none

9. **New Business**

10. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 23th 6:30pm in the school

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Cindy Despina

Motion Seconded by: Rob Mahon

All in favour: Motion passed

11. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:42pm