

Ness Middle School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2016,

Call to Order: Time was 6:33pm

PAC Members Present: Julie Millar, Cindy Despins, Jocelyne McKie

PAC Members not present: Quincy Barnesky

Members at Large Present: Jaime Bartel, Laura Sokolic-Sohan, Angela Mancini, Robert McMahon, Jodi Nechwerdeuk,

***Quorum Present? YES**

Administration Present: Jordana Buckwold, Cheri Banks

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Administrators Report:

Principal's Report
Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, October 20th

1. Enrolment- Total population: 121
Grade 6 FI: 106
Grade 7 ENG: 4
Grade 8 ENG: 11
**Remains the same from September.*

2. Clubs and Extra-curricular activities happening this term:
 - Social Justice Club
 - Student Leadership
 - Technology Club
 - Yearbook
 - Concert Choir
 - Vocal Jazz
 - Cross Country (finished)
 - Volleyball (Atomic & Tier 2)
 - Ultimate Frisbee (resumes in the spring)

****Teachers will be reminded to add the meeting schedules to their blogs***

3. Lunch Hour Options



- Outside
 - Library **Many students are choosing this as an option*
 - **Intramurals**
 - Various Clubs and extra-curricular activities depending on day of week/cycle
4. Canteen
 Considering options in order to ensure a nutrition break, time to socialize with friends and participate in clubs/activities.
**Huge numbers are disrupting order at lunch*
**Popcorn not allowed until after the main meal is done*
**Administrators to meet with students to discuss how this will look in the future ie. Drinks and food available in the canteen moving forward.*
5. We are all Treaty People – Assembly October 25. As a school we are beginning our learning of what it means to be on Treaty 1 land.
6. Halloween Spirit Days & “We Scare Hunger” - students are asked to bring in non-perishable items from home or that they collect trick or treating for Winnipeg Harvest.
7. Divisional Coaches in the area of Literacy and Numeracy have started their sessions with teachers and are spending time in classrooms with our students.
8. Festival du Voyageur - 121 students attending on February 21st, 2017 (\$20/per student)
**Discussion about how PAC can fundraise to help subsidize a portion of this cost.*
9. Reading/ Writing Connection Residency to be held at Ness at the end of April.
**Reggie Routman – will be in the classrooms working with teachers and students for 1 week. Will help enhance reading and writing and to understand how they are connected.*
**Takes place in English, ELA time*

Other Business:

1. Purchasing more French Books

- school is currently in the process of reorganizing and ordering more books
- money typically used for textbooks can be diverted for purchasing more books
- goal for classroom teachers is to build the libraries in the classrooms
- student input required
- Scholastic Book Fair is an option to raise money, teacher wish list

Action: Angela Mancini to look into booking the book fair for the night of Nov. 17th – tri-conference night between 4:30-8:00pm. Report back to Julie

- ##### **2. Fund Raising:** Discussion around fundraising ideas; Chapters Adopt a School Program, Peek of the Market, Holiday Card Making
- currently have \$2500.00 in account

Action: Jaimi Bartel to contact Peek of the Market to get Ness on the fundraising wait list

3. ***Ski Trip:*** No trip this year- suggestion to speak with Divisional PE coordinator about potential alternatives
4. ***School Grounds:*** Discussion around the fact that there is nothing on the grounds for the students.
-ideas- play structure, new basketball hoops, outdoor classroom

Action: Jocelyne McKie to look into play structures, and possible City of Winnipeg connections/outside organizations.

Action: Julie to google other options for structures for kids ages 11-14

Next Meeting: Monday, November 21st at 6:30. Ness Middle School Library.

Meeting Adjournment: Time was 8:45pm