

AK Wigg Public School
SAC Meeting
November 25, 2014

Attendance: 12 plus Principal

- Welcome
- Review Minutes from last meeting, no questions

- Aussie X Presentation by Simon
 - Program designed to get kids active, learning necessary physical skills for required curriculum. Teach the kids Australian Rules Football, Netball and Cricket.
 - 3 days long with 12 sessions targeting the junior and intermediate grades. End of the 3 days, school will be given necessary sports equipment, DPA info and resources to continue the exercises and program after the session has ended. Also includes community event, where parents and families can come out and participate to see what it is all about.
 - 3 different levels of participation. The higher the level, the more resources received and the higher the cost
 - Mr. Acaster and Mr. Triano are looking into a participation grant that would be approximately \$500 and reduce the cost of the program from \$3600 to \$3100
 - Student council may contribute to help decrease cost for each student from \$15 to \$10.
 - No vote today, up for discussion after considering possible grant, costs, actual use by teachers and benefit/enjoyment to the kids

- Principal Report
 - Niagara College Coaching Clinics - Some of our school teams have the incredible opportunity to get some in-depth coaching from college level athletes this year. The men's and women's volleyball and basketball teams from Niagara College are each doing one day clinics with our student teams. We have already

had our junior volleyball teams go for their session. The students travelled to Niagara College and got to play and learn skills from the college athletes and then watch them practice as well. The boys and girls were really impressed with the facility and the work out they got to experience. Our boys and girls intermediate basketball teams will be going on a later date for their session. I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Hurley at Niagara College for providing us this opportunity to network and learn.

- Math PA Day - On November 14th, while the students got the day off, we worked at improving our delivery of math instruction. In the morning, one of our teachers led us through examples of how to teach STRINGS. This is a short lesson that teachers can use at the beginning of any lesson to activate student thinking and practice around number facts. The big difference in STRINGS as compared to mad minutes and other form of drill and kill, is that the students learn to hold onto their facts conceptually, not through memorization. That is to say, they can pull their number facts but understand them at the same time. With memorization, many students are at a disadvantage either because they have a more difficult time memorizing, or because the concepts involved still don't make sense. It won't matter how much they memorize, they still won't make sense and then they will eventually lose their "mastery" of the facts. Other students lose confidence in their abilities in math and start to disengage. STRINGS forces the student to think about, for example, how 6×5 is 30. The student who gets it in less than a second and the student who gets it in 2 seconds can feel equally skilled. STRINGS takes away the competition feeling and ensuing anxiety that many students feel in doing mad minutes. Through dedicated use of this strategy, students will get their number facts, they will hold onto them and they will be more confident and persevere in math.
- Remembrance Day Assembly - This November 11th, we did something special for Remembrance Day. In addition to our student assembly with special presentations from our students, we also had a memorial posted around the gymnasium to recognize A. K. Wigg family members who have or are currently serving in the armed forces. Families were given a piece of paper to write a short biography and share a picture of the serviceman or woman in their family. These were displayed on a black band

that went around our gymnasium. In addition, families who were kindly willing to allow us to display their family's war memorabilia, had this displayed in our front foyer case for students and families to see. I really appreciate the families for taking the time to do this and especially to Miss Bradley, Mr. Triano and Mrs. Hewitt for organizing this assembly.

- Grade eight news - On November 3rd, our Grade 8's began the process of filling intention sheets with the guidance of our teachers and E. L. Crossly staff. On November 13th they attended Grade 8 Day for orientation. On November 20th, E. L. Crossley hosted their Open House for families to attend. On December 1st, the grade 8 students have to submit their intention sheets electronically and on paper to the office.
- Teacher Report (Mrs. Lawler)
 - Ms. Tennier reported that many parents attended the PIC conference and were very excited about Todd Sniezek's presentation. He will be coming to work with Mrs. Young, Mrs. Stefaniuk and Mrs. Tennier's class in December.
 - Mr. Kurland reports that Intermediate Girls Basketball will have tryouts in December and will be coached by he and Ms. Hotham. Chess club will be starting after Christmas with the primary grades first. Also, he will be ordering the Tchouk ball equipment and SAC had approved \$400 toward the cost.
 - Mr. Droppert reports the intermediate boys volleyball was great this year with the boys finishing first during regular season going undefeated. However, they had an unfortunate loss in game 3 of the playoffs against Richmond Street. The boys won the EL Crossley Invitational tournament. They lost the DSBN tournament in the quarter finals to Stevensville Public School.
 - Mrs. Shepard reports that the girls intermediate volleyball has ended for the season. The girls did not have a winning season but learned a lot and improved tremendously. The players were: Nicole G, Hailey K, Caitlin M, Rebecca H, Mackenzie C, Avery P, Julia B, Sofia L, Sydney V. Coaches were Mrs. Young and Mrs. Shepard

- Early Act update
 - Erin and Craig met with Mr. Droppert who will be the teacher working the program. He is eager to get started in the new year. The goal is to have kids think globally and be conscious citizens.

- Trish Iannizzi Library wish list
 - Requesting financial assistance for Forest of Reading Program for 2015
 - Amount of approximately \$1200
 - Will be able to purchase current literature for the library outside of the scholastic resources
 - Parents very interested, however, deferring vote to January 2015 meeting to allow time for consideration

- Santa Brunch update (Allison)
 - The numbers for Santa Brunch will be an estimate since no figures have been recorded to date. If we assume one adult attending per student our total will be 630; taking into consideration that the older grades students do not all have someone join them but in the younger grades more than one adult may attend. We also need to take into account that not all students will participate.
 - Craft will be a reindeer Christmas tree ornament. Hopefully within the next week necessary supplies will be purchased for the craft...any volunteer able to do the shopping will be welcomed! Darlene ordered the glue for the craft. Also, some supplies from last year will be used toward this years craft.
 - Food supplies: **Pancakes:** We have almost one full case (20kg) of mix left from last year (we received 2 cases but I'm not sure if there was extra from the year before). Each case makes ~1000 pancakes so I am estimating we used up 1.25 cases of mix and made between 1200 - 1300 pancakes. The mix, which MaryAnn has found at Costco makes between 260 - 280 pancakes so we would only need between 3 and 4 packages to

be sure we don't run out.

Syrup: We have 4.5 bottles of syrup in the PTG room. Last year we received 2 x 4 L jugs, the ones in the PTG room are normal size. Confirming whether more syrup is needed and will likely purchase this from Costco.

Juice: Last year we got juice at Costco and bought 2 cases (of 2) apple juice and 10 of orange and we almost ran out (saved by a quick trip to buy more). So I am thinking 8 and 12 cases this year – any feedback would be appreciated.

Apple sauces: Once again from Costco last year (they were the flavoured apple sauces) and we got 6 - 8 cases and I believe that was enough so we will duplicate it this year.

Sausages: I have been trying to figure numbers. If we go with the assumption of ~600 people and plan for 2 sausages each (knowing some will have less), that means we need 1200 sausages (and I would be tempted to increase this to ensure enough). I have called around and here is the information I have received - all these places have breakfast type sausages not the sausage rounds that we had last year.

- ❖ Klagers: \$4.50 / pound with ~12 sausages in a pound. Therefore for 1200 sausages we would need 100 pounds, bringing the cost to \$450. The gentleman I spoke did admit his would be more expensive as they use a natural casing. They need ~ a weeks notice.
- ❖ Country Corner Market: Gives the school the deal of buy one case and they will give us a case for free. They have ~120 sausages in a case at \$72 per case. We would need a total of 10 cases. So purchasing 5 cases (and receiving 5 free) would bring our cost to \$360. They need 2 - 3 days notice.
- ❖ Costco: Their breakfast sausage are in packages of 50. Cost per package is \$13.99. 1200 sausages would be 24 packages with a total cost of \$335.76 thus (if my calculations are correct) means they are the least expensive. I have to confirm how much notice they need but the person I spoke to thought < week, I will double check this.

- ❖ Someone had suggested to see if Country Corner's quote includes the sausages being hot at time of pick up or delivery. Also, to get a quote from Big Red as sausages are usually \$1.99/lb there.
 - Misc: Darlene Nicholas has ordered (and received) the cutlery, glasses, styrofoam cups and plates we will need. I will pick up candy canes (to give out to the children), plastic tablecloths and baking sheets (to put the hot food in).
 - A number of items can be purchased at Costco, however, some need to be purchased closer to event date. Help would be appreciated for picking up the necessary items at Costco.
- Yearbook revisions
 - Annie and Sarah worked on the insert for Grade 8's a couple of weeks ago. Great start to the book. Keep sending in pictures.
- Niagara Inflatables Nov. 30 discount
 - Two Bouncy castles and food machine plus 50 servings for \$499 before Nov. 30
 - Usually fun fair pays approximately \$1100 for 2 castles, food machine and servings.
 - Considering negotiating only 1 bouncy castle, a photo machine (print off photos immediately) and food machine with 50 servings. The thought is that the photo machine would be more attractive to the older kids and the bouncy castle for the younger kids.
 - Date of FUN FAIR is May 13/15
- Donations:
 - Garbage Cans at cost from Beamers hardware for Mrs. Hewitt's drum core
 - 5 galloon pails donated from Lookout point Golf Club
 - THANK YOU BEAMER'S AND LOOKOUT POINT GOLF COURSE
 - Parent suggested having special space in yearbook to acknowledge businesses that have made donations to the school.

- Ice Dogs next AK Wigg Event is Saturday February 28 at 7pm.
 - Pre-skate at 5pm and Singing of National Anthem at 6:30pm
 - Great fun and hope to see everyone out!

- Spirit Wear
 - All the items were ordered this week and should be in by Dec 7-12.

- Pink Days at AK Wigg
 - Last week was Bullying prevention week.
 - Pink day is Feb.25, 2015
 - Order forms sent out for pink shirts for the various events at AK Wigg

- Movie Night Nov 28 @ 6:15
 - Showing triple feature: Shrek the Halls (short movie 22 minutes), The Smurfs a Christmas Carol (short 22 minutes), and Mickey saves Santa (a family favourite, 3 short stories totaling 72 min).
 - Thought is that the short films would be more flexible if younger kids are only able to shorter length of time.

- Presentation by Todd Sniezek 7-7:30
 - Went over Google account that all students have access to and how the tools can be used for projects, and various creations as taught to the students.
 - Very interesting and informative!
 - Suggested that he do this presentation for the parents so that they have a better understanding of what is available to students!

No Meeting in Dec.

Next meeting Jan. 27, 2015 6:00 in the Library