Shatford Memorial School Advisory Council

16th January 2024 (meeting #3)

Call to order 6:32pm via Zoom

Present: Sarah Wile – Principal, Paula Brigley, Arlene Duggan, Louisa Benedicto, Tanya Pelley, Kate Brown

Meeting opened with an update on upcoming events taking place at the school over the next few months:

* Book exchange for PP-Grade 6, Jan. 25/24 in recognition of Family Literacy Day
* February will be kindness month with an assembly, activities and final celebration
* Perform coming to the school to teach P-6 Scottish dancing with an exhibition at the Family Fun Night in February
* African Drumming
* Winter Carnival leading up to March Break – Spirit Days
* March 7 – Skating for 2-6 and Discovery Center coming in to school for P-1

Sarah discussed the results of the Grade 6 assessment (8 Students)

* Overall Shatford did well. It was noted that the students that scored at level 2 were just shy of level 3 (meeting).
* In reading, Shatford scored above the provincial average. The board has placed an emphasis on reading instruction since Covid, and when an emphasis is place on a particular area, it is not uncommon for the scores in other areas to go down.

Sarah provided student feedback from the 3 free lunches that were purchased for the students. The first lunch was provided for all, and orders were taken for the last two, as not all students wanted to participate. Costs per unit were given, but we were cautioned that the fee for using school cash was not included.

Results:

Mac and Cheese

* 115 ordered. Majority of students did not care for it. Price per unit $3.62 (including fork) plus tax.

Beef Tacos

* 80 ordered. Slightly more popular, and feedback varied by grade. Price per single taco was $3.73 plus spoon and container 0.28 plus taxes. Students would need at least 2 tacos, and SAC felt this would be too much money to ask for one meal.

Goulash

* Most popular. PPU was $3.21 plus spoon/container 0.28 plus tax.

Discussion ensued on how many meals we wanted to offer during the week in addition to pizza Wednesday. Equity and sustainability of the program also discussed. Current procedures for school staff to coordinate pizza will remain the same, but all agreed that parent volunteers must take on any additional hot lunches. Sarah to reach out to Home and School regarding the 2 parent volunteers that will be needed each week.

Will trial run the goulash to the end of the current pizza run. School cash will open up after information sent to parents. A follow up meeting will be held with the Savary Plate after we hear the feedback for this trial period, therefore the current scheduled meeting for January 30th with the Savary Plate will be postponed. Date TBA.

Next SAC meeting will be held February 27, 2024 and then April 30/24. February is registration month and our principal Mrs. Wile should have some tentative enrollment/ class configuration numbers to report back to the group.

Minutes submitted by Paula Brigley