



Parkdale Elementary School

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Parent Group Meeting – October 27th, 2014

Minutes

1. Mrs. Constable discussed the norms of behavior and all agreed to follow the norms as presented.

2. Sarah presented the treasurer's report. Total amount in funds is \$2128.13.

3. Chair's Report

- Requests from staff
- a) 40 shirts for choir members – \$260.00
- b) Recycling shirts – \$82.50
- c) Grade 5 trip to City Hall – \$90.00 to cover the cost of the bus. Each student will only have to pay \$2.00

The group voted in favour to approve all requests.

4. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Constable spoke about the EQAO parental engagement data
- Jen mentioned Mrs. O'Charchin's calendar. She really liked how she sends stuff home to do for the parents.
- Jen feels that parents will not be honest if they had to answer a survey about how much they do at home with their children around reading or academics.
- Survey would be anonymous
- Lisa mentioned incentive program
- Richard mentioned that getting kids to put it in the agenda "talk to your parents about Your day"
- Stephanie asked whether we are low, moderate or high needs. Mrs. Constable informed the group that we are considered a high needs school.

5. Fundraising - Abbie

- Delivery of pizza kits on December 8th
- Orders must be called in on December 1st.
- Abbie needs everything done by November 28th. All money must be in by the 28th.
- We will begin Thursday November 13th – forms go home
- Gym will set up on the 8th of December for delivery



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- Abbie is going to try to have information about prizes for our assembly on Thursday (Bubble soccer, Mothers, Bulldogs, Cineplex Stoney Creek, etc.)
- Announcements will be made. Mrs. Constable will have individual students bring money to her and she will record who has paid.
- Randi suggested not using Mother's for the pizza kit prize and using Little Caesars instead.
- Stephanie asked if EZEE Mart donated since we established good relationships with him last year.
- Sarah mentioned that she may be able to get a certificate from Taco Bell as well.
- Chocolate Bar fundraiser – Abbie thinks we will do well. Kick off assembly Friday March 13th -9:00 a.m.
- March 23rd it will end.
- Abbie will contact LaMontagne to clarify if we can sell the \$2.00 chocolate bar and still have the bunny incentive.
- Sarah suggested we have a longer time frame – 12th until the 30th? The group was in favour of running it longer. Abbie will check to make sure we can do that.
- Abbie would still like to do a toy and food drive for Xmas

6. Nutrition committee update

- November 7th – grilled cheese day. Volunteers requested.
- Pita lunch – before Xmas hopefully.
- Always looking for volunteers for snacks in the morning.

7. PIC – Christina

- City of Hamilton is offering a community in motion active transportation award. Christina will look into filling out an application
- Ryerson middle school is offering a social media in service – Thursday November 6 at 7:00 at Ryerson.
- Parents are invited to a parenting conference at Bishop Ryan this Saturday November 1st from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday November 8th –People for Education conference in Toronto.
- PIC meetings are the second Tuesday of every month.
- “Taking flight TLE” workshop for parents this Wednesday morning at Ed. Center – 10:00 a.m.



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8. New Business

- Head lice – Group would like to call Bayshore to come and do an official check.
- Bake Sale in November 28th in afternoon – 1:30 p.m. to raise money for a new CD system for the Choir.
- Will there be a year book? Sandra will ask staff.
- Sarah asked for a yearbook committee including staff and students. Sarah will sit on the yearbook committee if a teacher volunteers to do one.
- Week of November 17th – 20th is Bullying Prevention and Awareness week. We try to wear something pink each day this week.
- Mrs. Constable will ask Principal at Churchill if there are speakers for bullying.
- Remembrance Day assembly – November 11th - 9:00 a.m.
- Sarah – Movie night was a great success – there were even donations! Next movie night will be for Xmas.
- Richard – concern about dogs on the playground. Mrs. Constable will send a letter home enforcing and going out in the mornings to reinforce.

Next Meeting – Monday November 24th at 9:00 a.m.