

## **Dundana School Council Meeting**

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Attendees:** Principal Cathy Calvano, Gillian Petersen, Tori Wilson, Lisa Djakalovic, Shannon Schwetz, Carla Dubinski, Lauren Bahrani, Jill Tonini, Brooke Pratt, Leora van der Linden, Meredith O’Flynn, Candace Bastedo, Lisa Beaudoin, Sara Brown, Brian Liberty, Naomi Foster,

**Absent:** Robyn Read, Robin Barr, Kent Barr, Michael Weaver, Christina Loomis

### **1. Welcome:**

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Principal Calvano proceeded with the land acknowledgement, and Lisa & Shannon carried on to chair the meeting.

Mitten Tree update: Lisa B donated the items to various local organizations

### **2. Approval of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes**

### **3. Principal’s Report:**

-PA Day: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

-Winter Showcase feedback was very positive. More chairs needed. Maybe borrow from SWO?

-Potential for better lighting to better see the students performing – spotlights?

-Thank you for the many donations during the lead-up to the holidays.

-Hoping to have an update to the kindergarten pen in the spring, built by high school students, with financial support from School Council.

-Mrs. Popek is requesting approx. \$100 for ukulele tuners.

-Intramurals before the break was grades 1-2, grades 4-5 is happening now, then grade 3 students. Very successful so far.

### **4. Treasurer’s Report:**

-For movie night, we are in a deficit of \$68 due to an extra expense (or we made \$100?), and because of the movie licence, which will be good for two years. Good for staff to use as well.

-Pizza day cumulative profit: \$1118.

### **5. Movie Night Feedback:**

-People seemed to really appreciate the night, good for community building. The kids really loved it.

-A little chaotic, very loud, movie unable to be heard.

-The pizza delivery structure was a bit busy (three separate deliveries).

-In future, we need a better sound system, better explanation of rules/expectations.

-Set up chairs around the perimeter of the gym for parents who don’t want to sit on the gym floor.

-Potentially only offer snacks for sale and no pizza?

-Maybe have a separate classroom for younger children to watch the movie (a little quieter).

-Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out that night.

### **6. Fundraising Update:**

#### **-Subway:**

-Subway update: Shannon says the Subway in University Plaza already caters to several other schools in the area, so their system is already set up. They have forms to fill out for ordering,

and payment is done online. Their payment system is through Lunchbox. (Linked to SchoolCashOnline)

- We will have to figure out prices. They offer three choices of meat, five toppings.
- We will try a Subway day in February (maybe February 21<sup>st</sup>) and keep the monthly pizza day.

**-Read-a-thon:**

- Robyn is under the weather, but is working on a plan.
- Do we want to do a fundraiser? If so, we should do it in a way that parents can receive tax receipts.
- We are considering basing it on the students' ages.

**-Purdy's sale:**

- Lisa B: she will be receiving a box from Purdy's tomorrow with all the information.
- Last week of March would be for distributing the chocolates to families, in time for Easter.
- Three weeks would be needed for sales.
- Hoping for delivery on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Volunteers would be needed Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to collate orders.
- Purdy's gives order forms and there is a catalogue, with an online option as well. Note that the chocolate arrives to the school.

**8. PRO Grant:**

- Shannon has looked into what other schools in the board have done with their PRO Grant money.
- Many schools have used it for spring open house or 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary parties, etc.
- Some larger schools bring in anti-bullying speakers, Mad Science, Family Fitness Night, Nutritionist, Arts and Science, Indigenous speakers, etc.
- We could use our grant for a Spring Fair, as a community building/celebration event in June.
- The Fire department, Police department, RCMP, etc. are happy to come out to our open house.
- Maybe offer multiple classrooms (math, fitness, nutrition, literacy, science, DVSA? Public library, etc.)
- Rotate through 30 minute time slots?
- Childcare at the event so parents can attend workshops.
- Calling it a Community Engagement Night, details TBD.
- Sub-committee needed to organize this event.

**9. French Parent Association Update:**

- No update

**10. Any other business:**

- Volunteers interested in helping with pizza days should contact Rose.
- We can add it to the newsletter.
- Parents are asking what kind of clubs we have.
- Add these to the newsletter to inform parents so they can discuss with their children.
- The money from the plays is going to Mrs. Frank for a curling activity for students.

**Upcoming Meetings: 6:30pm**

- Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

-Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting adjourned 7:51pm