

Dundas Central School Council Minutes March 10, 2021 via MS Teams

Meeting start: 7:00pm

Present: Bethany Foster (Chair), Elizabeth Hutchison (Secretary), Joanne Di Maio (Treasurer), Courtney Southworth, Megan Combes, Aaron Vanderwal, Donna Nunan, Madeline Van Impe, Jennifer Moore and Laura Bartkiw (Principal).

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment recited by Bethany Foster

Business arising from the previous minutes

1. Approval of Minutes (February 2021)

-Approved

2. Financial Update

-Joanne: We have received the proceeds from Spirit Wear sales (just over \$80). New balance is \$2962

3. Parent Engagement Fund \$500

-Suggestions circulated from the Board

-a lot of it is online. A lot of us are screen fatigued, should we hold off for now?

-Joanne, some parents would be interested in some kind of speaker...perhaps if things don't open up we could find someone to talk about a topic of interest

-Defer again to April meeting.

New Business

1. Paul Tut

-Bethany did email Paul Tut from the School council email to ask him to join us

-He hasn't responded yet in terms of potential dates

-once we hear back we can promote it to other parents

2. Spirit Wear – spring sale

-Courtney can put it back online any time

-She will add a long sleeve t-shirt as well...they will keep it open from end of March to after April break.

3. Mabel's Labels

-also we are now at \$52.44 with Mabel Labels, perhaps the Kindergarten Teachers could promote it with their families and perhaps we can add it with the postcards to the new kindergarten students

-Courtney will open the fundraiser up to go indefinitely

-Jennifer Moore indicated that they would send the PDF to the parents,

4. Yoga Mats or other classroom materials

-We have asked Tammy to revisit the numbers and input about what is really required

Teacher Report (Tammy DiDonato)

-Update on money donated to the school for Phys Ed. equipment. All of the equipment other than some foam Frisbees (which are on backorder) have arrived and everyone is very happy about them

-Tammy has reconfirmed the numbers of yoga mats, she will send an email to Megan and Bethany and Liz Hunter.

Principal Report

-Not a lot to report on the Principals Report.

-Next transition date is in May. Nothing else that is new. Continue to follow protocols and taking things one day at a time.

Other Business

Playground

Jennifer Moore: we are in desperate need to some of new equipment for the playground

-need a new load of sand and a lot of logs that need to be replaced as well

-there is a JK student whose father is the VP of the Bienenstock Group.

-the Bienenstock Group has a program and they will come and maintain everything they have installed...they are in the initial discussions on this to see what funds are available.

-the stumps around the amphitheater are suffering and the huge log is also

- we should take a walk around the yard to see what needs to be replaced and Jennifer needs to understand what the process is and where money can come from.

-Megan commented that with the bike rack installation, the installation had to go through facilities. Ms. Bartkiw will look at the board document that stipulates what the rules are.

Bethany: We have been having discussions with Jill Bienenstock as well

-Bethany believes that the Home & School has some money for the playground (Aaron confirmed it is approximately \$5000) that was fundraised for the playground. They have been using the money to maintain the playground

-Jill Bienenstock has indicated that they have some piecemeal logs that can be donated delivered on a weekend

-Bethany will contact the old playground committee to see if it can be revived

-Rob Bell and Jennifer Moore have plans to apply to the TD grant (summer...funds will come in October if successful)

-Aaron (as the Treasurer of the Home and School) doesn't have any issues on behalf of the Home and School with using all of the allocated playground funds. If we spend it all though, we would need to revive Home & School to be able to raise more money.

-Home and School should write a cheque to Dundas Central dedicated to 'Playground Fund'. We could easily use the money available to repair the playground, it is really in need of repair. For 2020-2021 funds in the account, we can hold over funds from one year to the next given what an unusual year it has been.

-Can we get a quote from the Bienenstock contact/parent which includes both replacement cost and upkeep so we know how much we need to maintain it year over year.

-Madeline – there is an HWDSB form that we can fill out for facilities

-Laura Bartkiw and Jennifer Moore will work on obtaining a quote

-Megan - Can we do anything for Earth Day? Laura Bartkiw advised that classes will do something outside with their cohort for Earth Day.

Next Meeting – April 7th at 7pm on teams.

Adjournment