

Parent Council
Monday October 29th 630-8pm

Attending

Kelly
Marissa
Jenn
Donna Dyer
Corene Omara
Barbara Braun
Renee
Maja
Sanja
Sue
Krystal
Suzy
Lee
Chantelle

Positions

Chair = Krystal
Fundraising Chairs
Suzy and Jenn - seconded by Barbara and Donna
Secretary - Ask Heather?? - Krystal to ask Heather by email
Treasurer - Dragana(Donna)
Parent council time - start earlier?

November meeting to be moved to the 19th

Next agenda - schedule of meetings - some daytime meetings?

Teacher and Admin update

Principal Report

- Annual Plan

Reading - Primary

-setting reading targets for Grade 1 students (teachers using trackers to help focus on next steps, specific instructional strategies to support.

Grade 6 Math – inquiry group

-target students (selected by demographic of class)
-analyzing needs (number sense strand – understanding concepts/proficient with procedures and skills)

-specific lessons to target need – Online HWDSB Math Resource

School Climate

MDI results (Positive Climate Survey Grades 4-8)

-A need for students to recognize more caring adults in the building

-Med-High results to support adults in the building care about student success

- Spirit Wear for Students
 - various clothing for sale
 - water bottles to support water stations

Samples at school on Nov. 1 & 2

- Halloween Parade & Dance

-Parade at 9:15AM (parents welcome to gym)

-Dance Grade 6-8 Periods 5&6

- Emergency Procedures
 - Running Fire Drills – 3 for Fall
 - Lockdown in November
 - Other Safe School Procedures (Hold & Secure, Shelter in Place, Bomb Threat)
- Mental Health WeHelp Strategy
- Next Staff Meeting (Inclusive Education for all, new library resources to support)
- **Active Chef program** - fresh grocery store pick up to 4 \$15/pp farm fresh from start to finish - up to 130 people max - try to bring in the bigger kids - Jenn following up with the program to see how it would work. Learning about different cultures food, cooking, eating with your family - no dishes!
All kids over 4 can be included.
- **Coffee chat** - met with the JK and SK teachers - ESL, language pathology, how we can support kids in our early literacy years 9-10am
Target primary families
Goes along with the school initiatives - educate around the roles in the building
Idea to do something with a math topic or other topics if that one is well received.

Suzy to call Starbucks to see if they can donate any coffee for the Halloween parade.

Sue - update

Looking forward to PA day on Friday - no trip this PA day - trying to reorganize a movie trip. Staffing continues to be a challenge with lack of ECE's - wages are in line with the board.

Meet the Teacher - feedback from council was not well received about the change from open house to a meet the teacher event.

Due to the re-organization staff wanted to keep it as a "Meet the Teacher" rather than an "Open House" to meet needs for all students in the process of moving classrooms. Next year - what should we do - next year it will be a different date - board is looking to change the date of re-org's moving forward?

Feedback from parent council - easier to find a teacher if they are in the classroom

Reorganization

If you are below a certain % you lose a class, which in turn means you lose a teacher
3/4 class had to be eliminated - was a significant move. Impacted a lot of classrooms.

Milk - coming late - Kelly to follow up and Donna offered to help too!!

Bishop Ryan Lockdown - Police will let Gatestone know if they need to do anything....today, no direction given

Lockdown drill coming in November

Suzy - thought we were going to allocate the money to the kindergarten pen.

Donna and Terry - are going to do the gardens :)

Kelly and Marissa are looking for outback, some trees perhaps or rocks or gardens

Mrs Brown is looking into a butterfly garden

Lee - contact the horticultural department at Saltfleet

Are there any grants for gardening?

MacMillans - due date is coming up - 9th is when forms are due - need volunteers for MacMillans

Volunteers for the 28th- Donna and Chantelle, Renee, Sanja

Krystal to add a tab to volunteer list

Craft Sale

Doing well with vendors

Still looking for a couple more

No bake sale

Cookie person - 1000 cookies - all peanut free

Mom that makes chocolates - from the school - all peanut free

Billy - photo booth \$1 for the kids - on the assumption that we give him grad night - and parent council pays for it

Burgers Priest is going to come - 3ish - to the end

Crock a Doodle - coming at 3:30 - give us \$1 for each ornament going back to the school

Raffle for \$250 for Great Wolf Lodge - Barbara to pick up - ticket sales online and on the day

Renee offered to do t-shirts for student action to volunteer helping with the children through shopping on the craft sale day - total cost \$18. - all in favour of the t-shirts

Kelly to order envelopes

Need to get some bags and tickets - Suzy

Billy to do the poster and will send that out for us to print and put on our mail boxes goal to be ready by November 5th.

Entrance to the gym at 8am

Volunteers to man the halls

Agenda items for next meeting - voting on wish list from School for remaining \$4000.