

Welcome:

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 6:30pm, December 10, 2019.
- Motion to accept November meeting minutes made by Jennifer Woodfine, seconded by Donna Gerritsen. Motion Carried.

Attendance:

Those is attendance on December 10, 2019 were:

Sarah Robinson
Katie Neve
Katie Adams
Amy Spencer
Donna Gerritsen
Julie Hunter
Laura Zonta
Deena Klodt
Sarah Gelderman
Kat Putoczki
Denise Minardi
Becky Galer
Gina Allen
Jennifer Woodfine
Victoria Keith

Constitution Review:

- Laura Zonta brought forth a copy of the Westdale Parent Council Constitution supplied by Mrs. Minardi to review.
- Westdale's Constitution is brief and concise and may be worth looking at to help us review and approve our own Constitution and perhaps remove unneeded sections.
- Laura Zonta will email out a copy of the Westdale Constitution for everyone to review prior to our January meeting so we can discuss at that time.
- Decision to table Constitution review until next meeting.

Principal Report – See Attachment**Events:****Dinner & Skate:**

- Date Tuesday December 3rd
- Donna Gerritsen reviewed this event and said it had gone very well.
- There were four expenses:
 - Buses
 - Hall
 - Groceries x2
- Came in approx \$1000 under budget for event, which is always allocated in case we do not receive donations.

- \$500 was donated by Strabane Optimist Club and \$500 from the KIN Club.
- The sign-in desk went very well as part of the event.
- Suggested that we should implement having a teacher in the hallway to help children if they need to get off of the ice to use the bathroom
- Katie Neve volunteered to watch the rink door to ensure children/parents have skates, gloves and helmets
- Suggested that we encourage parents to come to the event willing to help “all” children skate and perhaps this could be included on information sent home.
- Council will need two people to run the kitchen. These individuals must be able to help both the Monday before the event and the Tuesday (day of) event. Kat may run the kitchen next year?
- The name tags used for the volunteers were a great addition
- Next year, remember to ask Jenn's “Joe” to be Santa once again because they will no longer have children at Millgrove.
- Sarah Robinson offered to sew Santa a “hat” for on top of his helmet for next year,

Breakfast with Santa

- Kat went to the Breakfast with Santa held by KIN club.
- It went very well and ran smoothly
- The president of the KIN would like to continue to work together with Millgrove for Dinner & Skate and Breakfast with Santa.
- The local KIN branch is run out of the Millgrove Community Centre, so a great local resource and partner for the school.

Cobbs Fundraiser:

- Laura Zonta spoke for Laura McCannell about the fundraiser.
- The fundraiser made just over \$4200 for the school.
- Cobbs has given the school extra cards that we can sell, use or donate. Cobbs would like to know how many additional ones we use/give out.
- Suggestions for use included bus drivers, holiday hampers for families in need etc.
- Laura will put on Facebook group there are extra available if any family would like to purchase more.

Pizza Days:

- The January-March pizza days are now available through School Cash Online. Families can order now.

Spencer Valley Update:

- Spencer Valley does a Social in December
- Lots of construction underway at the Greenville school site.

Budget:

- Deena Klodt spoke on budget. As of December 10th, 2019 there was approx. \$7500 in our funds that was not already allocated to events/spending.
- See spending requests below.

Annual Fundraising Plan / Budget / Spending Ideas

- Please see attached Parent Council Spending Requests for reference to meeting notes.

TECHNOLOGY:

Ipads – cost of \$4666.88 for ten iPads and cases. Will be used specifically for Grades 4/5. Julie Hunter noted that over the past few years little has been spent on the senior grades at Millgrove in comparison to the younger grades. In order to keep our students at a good pace for entering Spencer Valley, more technology is needed.

- If the children in senior grades have iPads, they can work collaboratively in groups at school for creating slide-shows and other projects. Currently the Grades 5s only have two iPads for entire class.

- Ms. Minardi also mentioned the potential for additional iPads in Spring if extra dollars are available and possibly creating a sign-up sheet in the office for rotating these iPads to various classes for extra use.

- Julie Hunter motions to spend \$4667 on 10 iPads/cases. Donna 2nd motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

Sphero's – cost of approx. \$1025.00

- Ideal use for older grades to help transition into Spencer Valley where Mr. A teachers Robotics and technology is a large focus.

- Becky Galer motions to spend \$1025 on Sphero's. Gina 2nd. Motion Passed.

** Amendment: email from Julie Hunter on December 12th asking that the motion to spend this amount on Sphero's be removed as the cost for the 12 pack educational size/option may be approx \$500 more than anticipated. Motion cancelled to spend funds on Sphero's at this time.

PLAYS/PRESENTATIONS:

- **Brant and Sarah Anti Bullying Magic Show** with potential February or April dates.

- Suitable for all ages. Students loved the Magic show last year and feedback was great.

- Cost of \$725 + tax = \$820.00

- Donna motions to spend \$820 on Magic Show. Gina 2nds. Motion passes.

- Ms. Minardi to call and book a February date.

OUTDOOR REQUEST

Picnic Tables – Will push off this discussion until Spring.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Per Teacher Spending – Amount teachers are given to spend on consumables in each classroom. Last year it was \$75.00/class for a total of \$750 for the school (10 classes).

- Discussed and decided that amount would remain the same as previous years and not be increased. No need to vote on this as it was voted on and passed in previous years.

Kindergarten & PE Outdoor Equipment:

- Ms. Minardi will look into any items that might be possible to obtain through Lending Library (Discovery Centre), perhaps for Sumblox or Rubber Ramp.

- Amy's husband Pat is an industrial plumber and may be able to get piping and sand down the edges for ramps.
- Discussed that Kinder fundraising dollars will pay for the \$25 for funnels and then perhaps Nikki's husband would make the funnel stand for use outdoors in Kinder area.

Junior Team & PE Equipment:

- Various items discussed and cost. Spending on these items tabled for future discussions.

Primary Team:

- Ms. Minardi discussed that the school has purchased a few items of phonics through school funds recently so there may be an overlap with some requested items in this section.
- Spending on these items tabled for future discussions.

French:

- For two years, french books have been requested as they currently do not have many.
- 1 class set of Early Reading French books is \$300.
- Jennifer Woodfine motions to spend \$300 on French books. Victoria 2nd. All in favour. Motion passed.

GRADUATION:

- Gina purposes council covers the entire amount of graduation, which includes an additional \$250 not currently budgeted.
- Gina motions to spend \$250 on graduation. Victoria 2nd. All in favour. Motion passed.

ACTIVITIES / YEAR END TRIPS:**Binbrook Area Conservation trip:**

- Questions/concerns about this trip include: The Grade 5 trip also does ropes courses, so would there be an overlap? Would this trip be instead of the African Lion Safari? Is there a significant amount of standing around and waiting for the children while others do the course (time for harnessing each child etc).
- Will table discussion on Binbrook until January meeting.

Jungle Sport Activity:

- Options of 3, 4 or 5 days. Three day option only for schools under 200 children so Millgrove would qualify. Select dates only available for a 3-day event. (April 14-17, May 19-22, June 1-5). May dates would be week of EQAO as well.
- Jungle Sport comes to school and sets up in gym for entire week. They staff the gym with qualified instructors. Must have one school staff in gym during each class.
- Each class would be able to go to gym and participate during their regular gym periods.
- Possibility of inviting Grade 5s from Spencer Valley to join us.
- If we do a 4 day week and each child pays \$15 the school would pay the difference.
- Possibility of doing this instead of a year end trip.
- On-site and multiple day option sounds appealing for reasonable cost.
- Ms. Minardi will email about possible date options for 4-day course.
- Discussion on this activity will be voted on in January meeting.

Next Meeting:

- **Next Meeting Set for Tuesday January 14th, 2020**

- Julie Hunter motions for meeting to be adjourned at 8:15pm. Seconded by Victoria. Motion Carried.