

November 14th, 2023 – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm by Laura Zonta

Attendance: Chantal, Wendy, Lindsay, Ms Mochrie, Ms. Mason, Kelly, Marissa, Kendra, Janelle, Lara, Kathryn, Katarina, Christina, Jennifer, Donna, Laura, Katie, Georgina, Ena, Rob, Heather

Approval of October 2023 Minutes – 1st – Lindsay , 2nd – Donna. All in favour.

Constitution: Motion to approve – Lindsay 1st, Chantal 2nd. All in favour.

Giving Back -

- Socks, mitts will be collected as part of the Warmth Drive until end of the month.
- Discussion around food equity – can we have a “buy a slice” or fund to help purchase on specialized food days for our in-school families
- Optimist Hampers are available if anyone is interested – reach out to Tara

School Photography -

- Have been using Edge.
- In order to change companies, we have to bring in three companies to present to us.
- Voted in favour of bringing in three companies for January council meeting

Principal's Report -

- Interviews are online after report cards for booking.
- Culture of high expectations – respect, manners, patience, volume and HAPPINESS
- Cereal donations was a huge success. Did a domino of all donations. 166 boxes. Kept it local by delivering to a local food bank in need.
- 20 children chosen to be a part of the Lexia license for language (children who are behind in reading)
- Having Santa join us for Dinner and Skate in December is one opportunity, and now we can elevate other opportunities for learning (ie: Orange Shirt Day was elevated to include cooking and eating the squash, acknowledging the land, talking about the 3 Sisters)
- In the New Year we will begin to elevate other celebrations in the school to provide opportunities for learning. ie: Chinese New Year – dragon parade, spring rolls to taste etc. Want to recognize all holidays.
- Need to understand all holidays in advance and plan – put together a calendar so we can plan in advance. Sub Committee on Council for Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness.
- Dec 20th will be the Winter Celebration – musician to help celebrate, music from around the world, cookies and warm drinks in foyer. Families are welcome to stop by and join in. Students will be participating with their families.

Teacher Report – Alison Mason

Mrs Bailey/Mrs. Hayward – FDK –Started focused UFLI groups. Math sorting and 2D shapes.

Mrs. DiToro/Mrs. Coakwell – FDK –Focusing on retell – The Little Red Hen. Began UFLI groups.

Mrs. Frizell – Grade 1/2 – In Math algebra, number patterns, colour, shape and data (graphing, tally, sorting), in Language writing more, using word books, continuing phonics, word families. IN Science continuing Living Things and Animals.

Mrs. May – Grade ½ - In math graphing, tallies, sorting. In Language making connections and penpal letters. In Science, energy forms.

Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 2/3 –In Language, letter and persuasive research and reports. In Math repeating, growing and shrinking patterns and table of values. IN Science finishing structures and simple machines.

Mr. Kimmerly – Grade 3/4 –In Math finishing data management and starting fractions. In Language working on summary, main idea and report writing. In Science working on forces, light and sounds.

Mrs Leach – Grade 4 –In Language working on story writing and sharing stories with Kindie buddies. In Math working on patterning. STEM club is going well! In Science working on Rocks and Minerals. Regions of Canada starting soon!

Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5 – Remembrance Day Assembly went very well – most working very hard learning their reading parts and how to present them effectively. Math working on patterning. Literacy working on sharing our thoughts and feelings orally and in writing about Remembrance Day. Had a visit from a war veteran. Social studies – government continues. Councilor Alex Wilson will visit this month.

Mrs. MacCuish – French – Starting All About Me Projects

Mrs. MacCuish – LRT – Schedule interviews with me if your child is in Lexia or Empower. IPRC in December.

Mrs. Mason – Physical Education/Dance – 1/2s doing parachute. 2/3 & ¾ doing underhand and overhand throwing. FDK is working on movement songs, sliding, throwing, rolling different items.

Mrs. Holden – Learning Commons – Music – working on connections between a piece of music and the feelings or images that arise in our hearts and minds. Lots of discussion about how music tells a story. In Library – challenging students to choose books outside their comfort zone and try something new. Library book reward system is new as well!

Budget –Dance a Thon raised \$5800.

- Pita \$220
- Pizza \$2200
- Sub \$550

Total available - \$11,000 (good amount of this goes to Jungle Sport – looking to have enough so families do not have to pay)

- Go For Green expenses have not come out yet
- Approx \$5000 to spend

Halloween Dance Recap –

- Big Thank You to volunteers
- Thank you to Chantal for photos
- Fundraising went really well
- During draw – don't let the kids all come down to collect at the same time, and not until end of day
- Go to companies for donations in the Winter/Spring to have better success rather than September.

Other Items:

- Smoothie Day volunteers filled until June – thank you!
- Mr Sub – price increasing from \$4.75-\$5.00 as of January 1st. Vote to keep the family price at \$6.00 or increase to \$6.25. Everyone agrees to stay with Mr Sub and increase by 25 cents. Motion to increase made by Lindsay, 2nd by Jenn. All in favour.
- Educator Appreciation is March 1st

Fundraising:

- MacMillians – Feb campaign and delivery by March Break. Catalogues or online ordering. Donna to confirm if have to do one or the other only.
- Cobbs – ideally before Mother's Day or Family Day.
- Book Swap – discuss in the New Year. Reminder on FB page over holidays for families to keep aside any books and keep them in mind for Spring Book Swap. Maybe March 7th to lead into March Break and pick up MacMillians at the same time.

Movie Night -

- Thursday January 25th prior to PA Day.
- Katie to email out group interested in being a part of the Movie Night committee
- Discuss at next meeting

Go For Green -

- Forms that went home helped bring lots of new parents out
- Overall went really well
- Kids really enjoyed learning about leaving the leaves on the ground as a blanket

Dinner and Skate -

- Donna will email volunteers about duties
- Waiting on City to hear if we have a price reduction
- Need approx. \$1000 from Council for groceries that are not donated and City
- Rob to donate paper roll for table cloths
- Lindsay motions to spend \$1000 on Dinner and Skate. Kathryn 2nd. All in favour.

Spending -

- Renew moving license - \$300. Lindsay motions to spend. Ena 2nds. All in favour.
- Laura to email out spending vote for teacher's.

Next Meeting – January 16th 2024 – 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn – 1st – Kelly, 2nd - Chantal!