

**PRINCE OF WALES SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Mubina Panju, Marco, Lynda Southon, Sandra Huculiak, John Huculiak, Laura McKinnon, Jenn Zweigler, Tania Wilde, Melinda, Laura Mulder

School news:

Volleyball teams are up and running. The first Junior Girls game is today. Ms. Perks made a banner for Truth and Reconciliation Day that is hanging in the lobby.

FDK Pumpkin Patch was a huge hit.

Ms. Carrington has created social stories to raise awareness; e.g. hands to self, conflict skills, respecting space, avoiding hurtful language.

Minutes from previous meetings can be “evoted”

### **Old Business**

School start up \$20 495.35

Helen will email the Treasurer and Chair the report. The Treasurer will report to us. Last year nothing was added on. We were flagged for not spending funds. All previous fundraisers have resigned. At the time there was little interest in spending. Jenn and Sandra created a budget, mostly for new tables and chairs in the snack room (\$7000) which was rejected by previous principal Michael Castellani. Funds were also suggested for learning resources such as software and field trips.

Three suggestions for spending current funds:

1. A sensory room on the third floor. This can be for students with ASD or students to regulate their sensory needs. Tania Bie, a learning resource teacher at Queen Victoria suggested the following items: weighted blanket, crash mat, soft rocker, LED lights, cocoon swing. The whole room would cost \$4000. Jenn motioned, all agree.
2. Gym equipment for \$1500-2000. Individual items for classes to use outside. Jenn motioned, all agree.
3. Ms. Southon would like drums for the music program. Drums are very accessible to students and increases engagement. Expectation of \$3500 for drums. Ms. Southon will get a quote and we will vote via email.

## **Principal's Report**

New staff member in FDK Ms. McKnight.

Goodbye to Ms. Lucek

Rules for playground equipment: basketballs and tennis balls are fine, footballs are not.

Halloween: lots of excitement for pumpkins. Kids can come in costume and bring a pre-packaged snack.

Grade 1 and 2 reading release. Janet Raymond is a learning specialist

Positive school climate:

- Ms. Elson and Mr. McKeown are working on school survey

- Grades 4-8 student council

- Grades 1-3 Just One Wish

- Clubs, teams, chess, Grade 7 tea time, Grade 1 crafts

- announcements each morning adding good news such as student

- accomplishments

- Ms. Southon is making a virtual school assembly with videos of great things, tagging birthdays

Ms. Perks is the nutrition program assistant.

Ms. Rollo is on sick leave and will be back soon.

November 19 progress reports are sent home.

Old Business

School by-laws are their own separate meeting - tabling for a specific meeting.

Mubina will look for school council start up funds

Home and School:

Nothing new since last meeting

Grad sweatshirts are a great idea

Mubina will email school council about Grade 8 yearbooks.