

**Rockton Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday November 9th 2023
7 p.m.**

Attendees: Danielle Ciccarelli, Tanya Brower, Kim Albers, Melanie Cassan, John Manzin, Leanne Halford, Ashlie Ferguson, Jen Hay, Robin Tilbury, Alicia Carpenter, Mary-Anne Somerville, Lindsay Plumstead, Niki Gerritsen, Lindsay Bouwmeester, Anne- Marie Nyburg, Brooke Luke, Jessica Seaton, Barb Miller- Firman, Melissa Nimijohn, Jen Krebsz, Kathi Lesizk, Jenny Hutcheson, Teressa Cobourn

Approval of Agenda: Leanne Halford approved the agenda, and Jen Hay 2nd the approval.

Approval of May 2022 Minutes: Niki Gerritsen approved the May Minutes, and Barb Miller- Firman 2nd the approval.

Treasurers Report

Pumpkin Fundraiser - \$625 profit

Pizza - sitting at \$10,000 that will decrease each week as we pay for pizza.

Subway - sitting at 11,000 this will decrease each week as we pay for subs

Chairs Report

Subway Launch: Had a few hiccups the first week, subs are not delivered in bags anymore, so cookies were separate and that made it easy for everyone to take a cookie. Second week went smoother, each class has assigned a class rep to make sure everyone who order subs get their cookie as well.

Pizza Day: Using community room to sort, this has made the process much smoother. No issues these last few weeks.

School Spirit Wear Update: Has been launched and Due November 24th. Please be sure to pay on school cash online AND fill out the order forms sent in email. Organizers need both to make the process of matching easier.

Poinsettia Fundraiser Update: Launched, orders are due Thursday Nov 23rd and will be delivered to the school Dec 3rd. Please if you purchased poinsettias be sure to come and pick them up.

Cobbs Fundraiser: Will be Nov 17th & 19th. \$1 from every loaf sold at the Waterdown location will be donated back to the school!

Box of Cards and Wrapping Paper Fundraiser: More information to come

Plant Sale: will happen in the Spring

Movie Nights: More information to come

Turkey Skate: December 14th

Danielle Ciccarelli & Melissa Nimijohn running committee, along with Jen Hay, Jen Blithe & Julie Bragdon.

Volunteer forms are out and due on Wednesday November 15th, committee needs time to make sure they have enough volunteers, they need approximately 60 volunteers.

Would like to assign a couple of classrooms to make decorations for the hall

A craft room will be open for any non skaters. Non skaters will also be taken up to eat turkey dinner.

Rockton Lions is providing payment for the arena which is just under \$2000

Danielle and Tanya received a \$1000 check from Copetown Baseball & Copetown Lions. They requested that money be put towards Turkey Skate.

Focal Points for the year:

- Library sensory board
- Grade 8 grad trip and graduation
- Purchasing additional buddy benches
- Help support new and existing clubs
- Trip subsidy and transportation
- Possible picnic tables
- Turkey skate
- Allocating funds for Chromebooks for grade 7 & 8 students

Feedback on Jungle Sport: Great reviews from staff and students, kids had 2 sessions to enjoy, and it was different each time.

Christmas Concert: Most schools moving away from it, discussions are happening more to come.

Grade 8 Grad: possible new location at Rockton Fair Grounds for more space, more parking etc. Date TBD

Grade 8 Grad: Algonquin, more information to come.

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shade Structure for Kindergarten area: quote approved in spring, large umbrella 14x14. Company will come in late Oct to take down and store for the winter. Looking to get 1 shade structure to start.

Soccer Nets: 2 nets 6ftx 14ft will be \$7000. Voted Yes to go ahead with the nets. Rockton Lions donated \$2500 to the school from our spring open house and requested that it goes towards the soccer nets.

Principals Report:

- Progress reports go home Monday.
- Parent/teacher conferences happening Nov 16th & 17th, new booking system went out, few glitches to work through, please be patient with the new process.
- Turkey skate, lots of volunteer forms have come through, please be sure to sign declaration form.

New at the school: Theme of the month that will be tied to a value.

November is **Respect**

Students attended an assembly where they talked about what respect looks like at school, at home, in the community, having respect for the environment, themselves and others. Read on the announcements every day is a phrase around Respect.

Teachers are building lessons into their classroom conversations. There are teachers trying to catch kids being good and showing respect.

Teachers have Kewl (Kids Empowered Working & Learning) Kids vouchers and will fill them out for the student they see doing something nice for others, ballots are kept until the end of the month and there is a little prize box.

At end of the month when they introduce the next month's theme. Classrooms will nominate a student in their class with teachers support, someone who has made the greatest gain, or someone who is always respectful. Students nominated will get a certificate. This is a way to build community in the classrooms.

Working to inspire the kids to be their best selves.

Playground Update: There have been some floods after a good rainstorm. The Drainage/ catch basin that was placed when they put the structure in, had it vacuumed out hoping to solve the problem, finally got a camera down there, dug up the playground and replaced a collapsed pipe. So hopefully no more flooding.

Dundas Valley Secondary School information night for Grades 7 & 8s November 22nd 6pm-8pm

Lost & Found: Please be sure to check Lost & Found when you are in for Parent/Teacher conference. There are a lot of clothes with no labels, whatever is not claimed will be donated. Please label your children clothes so it is easier for them to find.

EQAO:

Results came in late October, you can access the results through the EQAO website. Provincial standard is level 3 and above.

Grade 3 - 40 students

Reading: 63% at level 3 and above

Writing: 63% at level 3 and above

Math: 57% at level 3 and above

Grade 6 - 58 Students

Reading: 67% at level 3 and above

Writing: 70% at level 3 and above

Math: 35% at level 3 and above

If your child was in grade 3 or 6 last year their results may come home with their progress report, or they will be sent separately.

Teachers Report- Lindsay Plumstead

Jersey Day Friday November 24th

Food & Mitten Drive - donate what you can, new items. Will likely run December 1st- 8th

Leadership has chosen Holiday theme days for December

- Holiday comfy clothes pajama day
- Holiday headwear day
- Holiday Socks
- Holiday winter movie
- Holiday Sweater

Will happen the week of December 18th - 22nd

Starting in January Ms. Galoni an after-school homework club for 7 & 8 students this is from the board, students will be coming to her with what they need to work on and she will be able to provide them the time, the space and the help they need to complete their work. This club will happen Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5 pm in our library.

There needs to be 12 students registered to continue running and funding.

Consistent attendance is required.

No cost for the families, more information will come out in December for eligible students.

Next Meeting -

February 15th at 7:00 pm