

Spring Valley Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2024

1. Welcome:

2. Principal's Report: Barb McVittie

- EQAO – entering data for kids
 - 6 classes are involved and teachers will meet next week to plan dates
 - Last week in May or first week in June – Grades 3 and 6
- Staffing for next year
 - Remain at 18 classes for next year
 - Tried to get rid of as many splits as possible - Reduced from 9 splits to 5 splits
 - Very few staff changes - Nelson Stewart will retire at the end of June – currently coming in half a day/ week
- Kindergarten – 23 coming in
- FDK orientation – May 16 @ 5:00-6:00
- May 6 – 30: Human growth and development happening in classes
 - Summary of what children are learning will go out next week
 - Exemption is offered – parent portal or phone call available
 - Children will leave the room when information is being taught – at most 60 minutes
- Picnic and Open House – May 30 (rain date June 13)
 - 5-6 Open House
 - 6-7 (8) BBQ/ Picnic

3. Teacher's Report: Mr. Manson

- April
 - Jr boys and girls bbal teams – both 2nd place, playoffs at home next Thursday
 - Grade 6-8 to participate in tri and duathlon at ancaster highschool – May 24
 - Currently looking at school track day – partnership with highschool – details to follow within the next 2 weeks
 - 6/7/8 to Musical put on by the highschool – done all at the highschool – May 29
- Robotics
 - Grades 4-8 participating weekly, each grade given 1 day/ week
 - 70-90 students participating
 - 4 of grade 7 students will become mentors next year – they will be going to Ontario skills competition
- Other trips in progress – more to come
- Talent Show – June 18
 - 2 shows – Day show for just students, evening show for parents of kids who are in the talent show
 - Starts at Grade 3

4. Treasurer's Report: Christine Ho

Fundraiser	Expenses	Sales	Cash Deposit	Total	Final Order	Total2	Purchases	Final Balance
Kernals	\$ 2,404.82	\$ 4,528.00	\$ -	\$ 2,123.18	\$ (650.00)	\$ 1,473.18	\$ -	\$ 1,473.18
Pita Pit	\$ 6,045.00	\$ 7,616.00	\$ -	\$ 1,571.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 771.00	\$ -	\$ 771.00
Pizza	\$ 16,036.33	\$ 28,931.00	\$ 841.00	\$ 13,735.67	\$ (650.00)	\$ 13,085.67	\$ (9,095.75)	\$ 3,989.92
Poinsettias	\$ 842.30	\$ 1,028.00	\$ -	\$ 185.70	\$ -	\$ 185.70	\$ -	\$ 185.70
School BBQ	\$ 4,295.29	\$ 3,048.00	\$ 2,707.00	\$ 1,459.71	\$ -	\$ 1,459.71	\$ -	\$ 1,459.71
TCBY	\$ 8,981.34	\$ 9,593.50	\$ -	\$ 612.16	\$ -	\$ 612.16	\$ -	\$ 612.16
Grand Total	\$ 38,605.08	\$ 54,744.50	\$ 3,548.00	\$ 19,687.42	\$ (2,100.00)	\$ 17,587.42	\$ (9,095.75)	\$ 8,491.67

5. Fundraising Updates

- Big Box of cards – delivered on April 26, handed out Monday or Tuesday
- Picnic Planning underway – sign up has gone out with kids
- Money Allocation
 - Tech
 - Both ipads and laptops
 - Board funding will costs part of this cost – budget is \$8K
 - Laptops – both are adequate for school use. Pros and cons to each, no clear winner on either so recommend trying both out
 - \$550/unit – 6 to be purchased
 - \$790/unit – 6 to be purchased
 - **Total: \$8,040**
 - Ipads = \$500/unit
 - Several are at end of life and can not be services
 - 16 iPads
 - 10 keyboards for the ipads - \$150/keyboard
 - **Total: \$1,500**
 - **Sports**
 - Ref Stand for volleyball - **\$1,000**
 - **Kindergarten Yard**
 - Halford – they did they YMCA daycare centre
 - Balance beam, slide, sand pit, chalkboards, garden space, play houses
 - **\$8,000-\$10,000**
 - **Zen Den**
 - Halford – Benches around tree, including platform - **\$2,500**
 - Accessible Tables - **\$500-\$800**
 - **Graduation** - **\$2,500**
 - **Additional Fund Ideas**
 - Security cameras around bike and other high value areas
 - Signage to deter
 - Shade for the big field
 - Pavilion
 - Sails with grounded posts
 - Portable tents
 - Next Meeting: May 23

