
Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Attendees

Rob, Laura, Donna, Lindsay, Janelle, Danielle, Lara, Kelly, Heather, Kat, Stephanie P, Ena, Wendy
STAFF: Kyle Kimmerly (Teacher Rep) & Tracy Walsh (Principal)

Agenda Items

Welcome

- ★ Meeting called to order at 6:15pm
- ★ Approval of October 2024 meeting minutes: 1st - Lindsay, 2nd - Kat - All in favour

Principal/Teacher Reports

- ★ Principals Report (Please see attached)
 - ★ Please do not send home items to school with students, especially sports equipment
 - ★ Assembly on Nov 30 at 12:30 for Mrs Rush last day before retirement
 - ★ May: Maple syrup trip booked for March 20 for grades 1-3 and looking for a date for grades 4 & 5
 - ★ Leach: fuzzles are back! Looking into spreading holiday cheer over the month of December!
 - ★ Kim: We say goodbye to Mr V, our student teacher, Dec 3rd 😞
 - ★ Bailey: Roots of Empathy started. Baby summer has had her 1st visit with our Kindergarten classes.
 - ★ DiToro: Roots of Empathy started. Baby summer has had her 1st visit with our Kindergarten classes. We are working on being ok with the mistakes we make and working through it until we solve it!
 - ★ Lawson: The Grade 4 students completed the CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) this week. Absent students will write it next week. Last year's EQAO results will be going home this month. I am impressed with the enthusiasm and success that
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the Grade 4's are having in French this year. The Grade 4's and 5's will be doing in-class plays as an engaging way to practice speaking.

- ★ Mason: Thank you for contributing towards the new DPA equipment. The new pylons have been a huge success!! There are now 35-40 different balls on the playground during breaks

Fall Events

- ★ Halloween Dance
 - \$350 requested to spend for prizes, only \$205 actually spent
 - \$4287 raised 😊
 - Consensus was everyone was good without the photo booth
 - In the future the decorations, costumes etc need to be less scary for the littles
 - May need to buy and gather decorations earlier next year
 - Request is to hand out the chocolate bars at a different time or a different way next year
 - Games were well received. Will make minor changes to a couple games for next year
 - Date is still needed for the winning class Ice Cream party
- ★ Dinner & Skate
 - Permits complete
 - Venue is now \$1883, up from about \$1300 in previous years
 - Optimist donated \$500
 - Bus is donated
 - Budget is \$2500
 - Still need food purchased, Ice Cream donated, ask Harvey's for stuffing, the farm to supply veggies
 - Get old/used crayons to Kat ASAP and she will make crayon shapes for DNS
 - Skate fitting went well - bins well labelled for next year
 - Email Chantal and Donna if you would like to help
 - The next meeting for DNS is Mon 25, 9pm, Hwy 6 Tim Horton's


★ Go For Green

- Looks great
- Leaves stay on site
- Got celandine away from the fence
- Dug up garlic and a class made garlic bread with it
- If the school keeps up with the garlic planting, will eventually make our own strain of garlic
- Worked well to give Grade 5 bigger chores and Grade 2 the clean up

★ Pro Grant Update

- Self Defense and Martial Arts
- Up to 50 Adults can attend for 1.5 hrs
- Will open to adults first but if not enough interest, could include kids

★ Food Drive & Tree of Warmth (Mitten/Hat/Socks) (mentioned in Principal Report) will run Dec 2-13

Budget Update

- ★ Balance of all Accounts \$12,756 + \$1687 still needing to be deposited from Halloween Dance = **\$14,443**
- ★ Funds paid for Go For Green, bus for Cross Country and halloween expenses
- ★ Outstanding Expenses (\$\$ set aside)
 - \$2000 for Dinner & Skate
 - \$1000 for the Playground Improvements
 - \$1500 for Playground Mulch (waiting for invoice)
 - \$1000 for DPA Equipment
 - \$822 for November Pizza
- ★ Minimum \$600 profit so far for Pizza and Booster Juice sales
- ★ **Approx \$6960 Left as Available**

Fundraising


- ★ Purdy's already has \$1100 in sales which is \$300 profit. Due date to place orders is Nov 26. Delivery of items will be sometime between Dec 12-14 (TBD)
- ★ Discussed Gift Wrapping Fundraiser Idea
 - Gift wrapping day
 - Drop your gifts and paper and return later to pick up
 - No set price, would just ask for a donation
 - Would be adults only wrapping for privacy reasons
 - A demo for wrapping with fabric or napkins etc was suggested as an alternative to traditional paper wrapping
 - Idea was tabled until next year as there isn't enough time to organize it for this year

Spending

- ★ Lindsay motioned to spend \$575 on the Annual Movie License, 2nd - Donna, All in Favour
- ★ Lindsay motioned to spend \$200 on Cookies & Hot Chocolate before Winter break, 2nd - Laura, All in Favour
- ★ Kat motioned to spend \$175 on Diwali Celebrations (samosas/pakorras), 2nd - Ena, All in Favour
- ★ Donna motioned to spend \$1200 (12 Staff * \$100 each) for consumables, 2nd - Lindsay, All in Favour

General Discussion

- ★ Plant expenses for next year?
- ★ This year is 'Cozy Day' vs traditional Pajama Day (can still wear PJ's)
- ★ Are expenses known/needed for Year-End trips?
- ★ Winter Carnival? Mr K. would like to do it again with another teacher volunteer (possibly Annette)
- ★ Can we ask the teacher's specifically what their favourite Gift Card requests would be for holiday presents
- ★ It was brought up that some kids are playing 'kissing tag' and it be announced that is not allowed/appropriate

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- ★ Please do not send sick kids to school
 - ★ Suggested to purchase books about different types of celebrations

Adjournment

- ★ Janelle motioned to Adjourn, 2nd - Lindsay, All in Favour

Next Meeting

- ★ **December 12, 2024 - 6:15pm**