

1. Welcome and Introductions (if any new members)

In Attendance: Amy Dreise, Rosaura Rivas, Adrienne Beaver, Tania Smith, Marjorie Stevenson, Meghan Lajoie, Jill Mitchell (Grade 7/8Teacher), and Liz Townsend (Principal)

2. Principal Update

a. Staffing update

-Lisa Desotti will be coming to BG to teach Gr. 4/5 AM

b. Class placement will be communicated on the last day with a letter in the report cards.

3. Teacher Update

a. Sports

i. Track and Field

-Great day, many students did well in their events. At Mike Weir next year for the school meet, we will ask for more parent volunteers to run the day.

-Primary Grades 1-3 will have a mini track meet at school on June 16th.

b. EQAO

-Overall it went more smoothly than last year for both Grade 3 and 6. Both grades are now finished testing.

c. Play day June 20th– Would school council be willing to stock and man the snack station again this

Year?

-Yes. We will provide fruit trays. Last year it cost around \$500 dollars. We will do fruit trays again and have 1 tray per class. Parent volunteers will run the Snack Station.

4. Treasurer's Statement

a. School Council current balance - \$5198 (minus \$1000 for lacrosse/\$300 for nurse/\$17.16 cookies)

i. Balance of \$3880.84

b. \$300 for Health- We received the invoice today.

5. Fundraising

a. Plan for next year

-Family Halloween Dance Night (Tickets for Concession)

-Maybe include activities in the LC and raffles in the Rotuna to use all the space.

-Possible Raffles with items donated by classes to raise more funds.

-Liz will get more information from a school who has done different events.

-This will be planned out at the Parent Council Meeting in September.

b. Focus on Fundraising for Next Year – Supporting classroom learning (kind of a blanket statement)

-Parent Council supports the idea of having a general statement of supporting learning which allows us to purchase items as the school shows needs.

6. Hot Lunch Update

a. Dates for 2023-24 have been set with Adrienne

-Other schools have been supplementing hot lunch orders with juice boxes and chips to raise more funds. It can be done as a separate add on, on School Cash Online.

-Subway has increased their costs to either \$4.50 or \$4.75 and we had planned to up our cost to \$6.00. However, with their increase we will raise our cost to \$6.50 for our subs for meat and cheese.

-We will try doing add ons for the first Subway Day in September.

-Boston Pizza will be raising their prices .25 cents and .50 cents on different items.

b. McDonald's Day

-McHappy Day...usually in May. We will try it for next year and see how it goes as it supports a local cause. Contact will be made and we will have an answer by the September Meeting.

c. Other Suggestions (Gluten Free?)

-We are good with what we have in the rotation for next year. We will continue to have an ear for options in the community, especially those that support local causes.

d. Popcorn - Hybrid

-We could do a pre-order with Kernels and then have some extras on hand so that we could sell some that day.

-We could have popcorn days in between hot lunch days. We will try the first Popcorn Day on September 22nd.

-Only 2 flavours are not included on the healthy food list, so we could include the 5 that are available.

7. Other Business

a. Proposals regarding requests for funding

i. Sewing Club (see attached letter from Mrs. Di Bona)

-A request for \$700 to purchase 4 sewing machines for the Sewing Club for next year which is for Grades 4-6 students. This request has been approved.

ii. eSports club – presentation from Mrs. Mitchell

-Melissa Dent started an LKDSB Esports Program for the school board with the goal of building skills and not having students do mindless clicking.

-Students can learn about scholarship opportunities, job opportunities, and cross curricular opportunities.

-This is an opportunity to engage a traditionally marginalised group of students who would not be on sports teams.

-Junior and Intermediate Focus for age groups at this time.

-There is a 3 Phase Process, so that things are implemented properly.

- We would be considered a medium school on the Esports School Planning Guide.
- Screens can be used that are existing in the school.
- Rocket League is currently the only game that is currently approved by the LKDSB.
- Mrs. Mitchell's plan is to have 2 recesses a week for Junior Grades and 2 recesses a week for Intermediates, and 1 recess a week for just girls which would take place all in the LC.
- She will work to build norms and set rules, could go to Lambton College, they can come and talk to the school about opportunities as well.
- Northern already has an eSports in place so students can carry on when they go to high school. -Rosedale, and PE McGibbon have esports clubs already at their schools.
- We would be needing 3 Nintendo Switch Consoles and 9 additional controllers which is a cost of \$2400. The request would be for half the cost of \$1200 in September to get things going.
- The question was asked if we can use off-brand controllers to save some funds? This will be explored.
- We did not approve the purchase of the items for the future eSports Team at this time but it will be discussed again at the September Meeting.

b. Setting Date for Open House

i. Book fair here Monday, September 18th -Friday, September 22nd, 2023

-Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 will be the date for Open House next school year.

c. Yard concerns for the Future

-There will be some students who will be moving to the backyard in the next couple of years that are flight risks for safety.

-Fencing part of the yard and including playground equipment with more of a focus of accessible equipment are a discussion for next year.

8. Adjournment 7:45PM

The Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 13th and 6:30PM.