

Parent Council

Meeting Agenda

November 23, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Present: Liz Townsend (Principal), Jacquie Beasley, Adrienne Beaver, Amy Driese, Marjorie Stevenson, Tania Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions (if any new members)

a. Dave Shortt, School Board Trustee

-Dave is a newly elected Trustee and would like to sit and listen on School Councils. His goal is to learn about what is happening at schools, which will then help him in his new position.

2. Principal Update

a. Credit Card fees – discussion on how to move forward

-There was a discussion last year that there would be a charge for using credit cards with School Cash Online.

-From February onwards last year for hot lunches and field trips, Liz owed the school board \$500, due to the average of about 3% that was added for credit card use.

-E-Check or credit card are the only options when paying through School Cash Online.

-This 3% moving forward will now be added to field trips and if there is an overage, the funds will go back into the students/the school.

-Amy believes it is important that we need to let all families know so that they are aware of these changes.

-Hot lunch costs won't be increased.

-The question was asked: Is there a possibility for a rebate if you pay using e-check as opposed to credit card? Liz will look into this and explain that future items on School Cash Online will have the 3% addition in the December Newsletter.

b. Student Council

-It is up and running currently and there are 14 students in Grade 7 and 8. Students had to submit a few sentences to illustrate their interest. Grade 6 was invited as well but there was no interest there at this time.

-Liz is running the School Council with students.

-They are currently working on Bullying and Intervention posters.

-There will be Monthly Assemblies moving forward. There will be a Minute to Win It Challenge that involves staff and it will be against Colour Houses for fun. There will not be one in December or March but all other months.

3. Teacher Update

a. Volleyball

-Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Errol Road.

b. Holiday Hoedown

-It is being moved to Tuesday, December 13th instead of Wednesday, December 14th.

c. There are currently 4 student teachers working in the school. They are working with the following teachers: Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. Purves, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. Suthard.

4. Treasurer's Statement

a. School Council current balance – \$ 2945.92 (minus \$500 for posters)

-Still working on writing a reimbursement cheque for the \$500. So it should be out for the next week so that number will be updated.

5. Fundraising

a. Spirit wear – Do we have an amount fundraised back from Team Outfitters yet?

-Jacquie stated that it is not really a fundraiser at this point. It just breaks even and there is no profit really anymore.

b. Poinsettias – The link offline for a bit but then got fixed. There was a reminder posted on the school FB page. The link will stay active until early December.

c. Pizza Kits – We need to set a date for this.

-Start it after March Break on the 20th of March and leave it up for 2 weeks. The delivery will be towards the end of April. Amy will look into dates with Little Caesars and connect with them.

d. Date for Groovin' in the Grove

-Thursday, March 2nd has been decided. It will be before the March Break to avoid families who may be going away early etc.

-There will be a closer eye on consumption of cotton candy and excess sugar. A stamp will be given during the First Block so that those selling are aware. This will also help keep snacks for all Blocks during the day.

6. Hot Lunch Update

a. Dates set for the remainder of the year – trying Pita Pit in the new year...January 27th.

Adrienne and Liz have set the dates for the rest of the school year.

7. Other Business

a. Gift Exchange: A change room has been cleared out to store the items that have been coming in. It will be locked.

b. Milk and Cookie Day? We will hold off on this. We will revisit it in February.

c. Illness level is up right now. We are currently at 11% and when it is at 40% we have to report to the Health Unit.

d. Food Drive- Boxed food drive throughout the school and classes will decide on what size and then classes will create dominoes throughout the school during the last week before the Break.

e. School Budget - 5 Chromebooks were purchased and given to DiBona and the Learning Commons. Also, 8 ipads (Learning Commons), 2 laptops (1 will be back up secretary).

f. Lifetouch will not be the photography company moving forward. There have been many broken promises and a change in the level of service. Edge will be the new photography company now and Spring dates will be coming soon.

8. Adjournment: 7:14 pm - Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2023