Minutes for May 11, 2023
Parent council meeting 6pm, Library/ learning commons

Attendance:
Tracy Ronsick (online)
Caroline White, Natalie Burnard, Trudy Forsten, Renata Kaijser- de Rechter

**Intro Caroline White
Welcome! Her support at Confed is much appreciated.
Minutes last meeting,** approved**.**

Dance a thon has ‘free’ items, the dance is free as always and games etc are paid by tickets.Families in need, will be supported. Every year; teachers have donated tickets to those kids.
$800 pledges, $500 tickets may1-may11

There is a draft for the landscaping for the outdoor classroom.

**Upcoming and recent activities**

-Jump-rope for heart and stroke, Mrs Sittler and Mrs Fournie are organizing this
Assembly has really motivated the kids, raised already $375 of the $1000 goal as of may 10.
-Dance a thon is coming up. (Natalie, Kara and Kelly)
popcorn, cotton candy, slushie machine use is donated, products are to be purchased.
New games.
Photobooth will be set up, props are at school. This is a low cost but very good return.

No small prizes to win this time, tickets to win for ‘raffle’
Volunteers are found thru Aspen email

-Field trips are coming up.
Process has changed, consent waiver is now needed.
-EQAO
Looking for volunteers to scribe for grade 6 students.
Discussed that current high school students can not skip school to help out with this, Parents are needed for this.

**Staffing update**-class organization, amount of classes will stay the same- but could change in September if there is a incline or decline in enrollment
numbers for classroom sizes look good.
junior 25-26,
intermediate 23-24

-kinderstart is welcoming families at May 21, 4-7pm. Students can register now or up till august.

**Teachers report** (Trudy)
-playgrounds are open
-Recess buddies (coop students)
-physical literacy (Mr Parker) teaching lots of fun staff thru moving.
-No progress on sunsail for FDK
the cost of putting up and taking down for winter etc are getting really high. Therefore they are looking at something different… a metal gazebo?
The shade for the outdoor ed-center is approved.
-Kindergarten is hoping to get a bench too.

-Two pitch found place
-track n field
-June 27 will be play day for the whole school.
-the cereal box challenge was awesome. Kids bring cereal boxes to donate and make a domino-park with this. (kindergarten girl brought 32 boxes!!)

Tracy will schedule **Elections** for first meeting in September.
 **Budget updates**psg $8947.85 and mcmillan $2217 (will be mostly used for outdoor ed)
The rest of budget details are not discussed.
We will update on the dance a thon income and expenses after the event and further fundraisers at end of the year. (hot lunch, dance a thon, milk, mc millans, other fundraisers)
Graduation fund will be used for grad. Students held several fundraisers (popcorn etc) for their grad.
Bookfair fund will go into the Library for equity and diversity books ($260)
Dance a thon brought over $2500 from past year. This years profit will go into the learning commons.
(in the past *at least* $1000 was always kept to start up next years event, DJ, Food, drinks, gifts)
There are a few fundraising accounts that need to be streamlined. We will have to wait till September to properly organize the accounts. In the past years several different accounts had been set up which now causes confusion.
TO DO: \*\*update on budget and accounts and the set purpose

**Budget**.

Profit of the 2023 dance a thon will go to upgrade the learning commons.
Wobble stools, bean bags etc are very expensive. Amanda Brydges will look into cost of such.

**Muskoka** for next year is confirmed (Muskoka fundraising and popcorn money will be merged)
3 days of non stop activities are planned for April 2024

**Meet the teacher open house** is planned for sept 20 (or 21) Bookfair is scheduled for that week as well.

Open house 4-6.30? School starts sept 5.
bookfair potentially in the extra classroom or in hallway.

TO DO: \*\* confirm open house date and time, set up, orders and volunteers etc

TO DO: \*\* have a short meeting online, discuss past events and brainstorm for next year plans.

TO DO: \*\*update of dance a thon event

**Next in person meeting on Oct 4, 2023 at 6pm**

Election will take place then for Chair, Vice Chair, secretary and potential lead hot lunch and a lead for fundraising.
We have a great group of motivated parents and will continue to try and attract new members. (Most school -even bigger schools- have less members as we do… so kudos to our members!)

*Lindsay:*
*Question about the dance-a-thon pledges - I know it goes until June 2nd, but it would be nice if maybe the progress could be shared weekly on the Confed fb page/email and the target we are hoping to achieve. I think sometimes people think others have donated and they haven’t and then we can’t see what progress is being made. Like the Terry Fox or Jump Rope pledges.*Tracy will update parents by email. $800 pledges, $500 tickets may1-may11

*Dave:*
*two pitch equipment. My understanding is that Confed does not have any batting helmets and the pitching screen is in very rough shape. Can school use some budget money to purchase these new equipments? Not sure if it is possible due to timing, at minimum helmets for their upcoming tournament on May 25th? Perhaps an equipment bag to carry bats, balls, helmets, etc.*Although it was discussed earlier, No equipment has been purchased yet. This tournament the students bring their own/ borrow items now. Tracy will look into the purchase of a few helmets in the future.
(By the way; Leslie and her players did awesome!!)