

HIGH PARK School Council MEETING --December 13, 2022 @ 615pm, virtual.

Attendance: Emily, Kate, Nicole, Laura, Brooke, Kayla, Evelyn, Melissa, Laurie, Jenny, Mel

Regrets: Alyssa, Sabrina, Caitlin

Boston Pizza went over very well today, no leftovers

- lots of waste though, lots of packaging
- is there some way to cut down or recycle material

Principal Report

- equity in action team, made of all staff and groups, month of Dec, divided up holiday celebrations - Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, winter solstice, Christmas around the world, encourage students to have different conversations in the classrooms
- visit classrooms and team teach with classroom teachers
- great conversations in different divisions, encourages students to see staff in different situations
- pj day Dec 23
- assembly Dec 22 - students only, 9 or 10 different acts
- music group from GLSS Dec 20, performing for whole school, showcasing music program- few former high park students coming to perform
- Newly elected trustee Dave Short, visited school introduced to Emily & Katherine, showed school. new to position & education, wants to come to a meeting to introduce self to council- Emily to pass on invitation and dates of next meeting
- Requests:
 - Budget amount \$9205.30, includes Boston pizza money taken out, does not include work we have agreed to including badminton & volley ball courts(approx.2000)
 - would like \$75 GLSS program bus to come to play - all school event, APPROVED
 - \$245 - 4 classes going to Sloan's for field trip, some students unable to pay- \$245 is the high estimate, could be less APPROVED
 - Melinda asked - do we get the tax rebate back - A: Emily has seen rebate come back through school budge but not council budget, thinks it is for the full school account - last one was used to pay for the family night for chips, have lots of chips remaining to give out to students at another event.
 - Working on January newsletter, typically sent out last day of school before break, but going to wait until new year- 1st week back.
 - plan to do a school food drive for food bank in spring

Teachers Report (Nicole Schultz)

- intermediate volley ball, narrow games

- staff vs students volleyball game next week at lunch
- learning commons, hit with all the activities Ms Gore has out, lots of centers piggyback with equity in action
- trips coming up
- clubs
 - board game club started last week, big hit, can use PBS points to go at recess 1 day
 - dance club before school - will be part of the assembly

Fundraising

- still in planning, meeting Wednesday with intermediate team.
- Gr8s will do little Caesars fundraiser for graduation possibly
- council- do we have any ideas, re-visit in new year, green house in Grand bend, Westland's - planters for different occasions, prices are very reasonable, price back to organization reasonable as well, pretty easy. delivery would be a question, if we are interested Emily can get more information. We are—will be good for Mothers Day
- honey went well last time, we could do that again- Melinda to discuss with Amy (Twin Bridges)
- Krispy Kreme donuts, a bit of a process to pick up- intermediate group may bring up later this week

Lunches:

- Boston Pizza, profit was \$647, includes the 3% that gets charged for people using credit cards, very easy. & organized, order could be emailed, invoicing was easy and delivery was too.
- lunches - Boston pizza booked for Feb, April & June,
- could add in a Stafford's or other

Pro Grant funding

- \$500, plus \$500 given at beginning of year so \$1000 total for an activity to include families at the school.
- Crock A Doodle previously, but lots out of our pocket (\$4000 last year) Paint night done as well previously.
- we could do a bbq, with outdoor games
- combine with a maker night, connections to do indigenous crafts, outdoor games

Donations

- 2 leads for tech donations, can we accept actual devices, yes & no- have to be chrome books, \$40 per Chromebook to link to lkdsb, City of Sarnia has offered to donate some of the chrome books used for the election, 2nd lead someone who may be able to donate some desktops- yes & no, need to be a certain age and compatible with our networks.

Charity Bingo

- need to start with a city of Sarnia lottery eligibility application - free, have to prepare a budget for 2023 year, on High park letterhead, breakdown how we would allocate funds, website Laura Miller will provide with details on what is acceptable.
- Starting point, what kind of budget do we start with, start at \$20,000. - could be great for getting devices into the school, outdoor equipment, things for students to do.
- submit breakdown, + second letter with board of directors listed, secretary, would need to request to school board for a trust fund to be created
- **need to be done by end of January 2023**, in order to be eligible for 2023 year
- bingo- pta/teachers would have to volunteer to work bingo, have to take a training, its online, usually about 2 bingos per month, needing 2 volunteers per bingo. have to have golf shirt style shirt, with high park logo & name tags
- funds are deposited 1X month to trust funds, need to ensure funds are spent in a timely manner or OLG can take back
- license is free and can be renewed, each year required new budget
- Laura to sent information to Kate Allison
- other schools have done, tech, gr 8 grad trips, very broad uses
- funds are based of off shares, which are based off of # of bingos that are worked, awarded points for bingos worked, points are deducted if only 1 person shows up when 2 are expected.

Nicole Schultz - showed purple shirts that educators have to support groups - Wednesdays are purple day

is there any plan to do another spirit wear order in new year

- last order didn't have too many purchases
- if families think its a good time store could be reopened for a few weeks- will revisit in new year

Next meeting, Tuesday March 7 @ 615, in person at the school.
Ended 702PM