

Parent Council - Bright's Grove - September 14th, 2022 START: 6:30PM

In attendance: Amy Driese, Jacquie Beasley, Rosaura Rivas, Natalie Berry, Adrienne Beaver, Meghan Lajoie, Marjorie Stevenson, Clayton Butler, Cheryl Megeney, Laurel Boychuk, Tania Smith, Beth Thompson (Resource Teacher), and Liz Townsend (Principal)

Role of School Council

Co-Chairs- Amy Dreise and Jacquie Beasley

Secretary- Tania Smith

Treasurer- Laurel Boychuk

School Learning Plan- Liz: Learning Plan will connect directly to the Board's Strategic Priorities. The Board will be moving toward a focus on phonemic focus when it comes to reading as many students in Ontario are not reading where they should be. There will be goals on Anti-Oppressive Education Indiegenous Learning, Literacy and Mathematics.

Principal Update:

Enrollment Increase- Has led to a reorg for 30+ students that will place students in new classrooms on Monday. 340 students total in the school population.

New Staff/New Positions for Staff:

Ms. Bigras - Grade 1

Mr. Verville- Teaching Prep

Mr. Schaefer- Grade 5

Mrs. Thompson- Resource

Mrs. Casselman- Prep

Open House- Wednesday, September 21st, 4:00pm-6:00pm with the Book Fair.

Parents Reaching Out Grant

Liz: Brought up the suggestion of trying to get this going again as it was halted due to the pandemic. The Umbrella Project on Resilience in children presentation was given at Errol Village in the past and was beneficial for families.

-\$500-\$800 is given so that there can be something geared towards parents however, students can be involved.

-This will be explored further.

Teacher Update

Cross Country Coaches are Ms. Purves and Mr.Schaefer for Grades 3-8.

October 4th - Meet (Petrolia)

October 6th- Rain Date

Waiting on district dates

Terry Fox Run will be October 14th which will be run by Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Singh.

Orange Shirt Day- September 30th and activities leading up to it during Truth and Reconciliation Week.

Treasurer's Statement

The balance of the accounts are looking good for this year.

School Council Current Balance: \$2534.71

School Council- Learning Commons: \$434.73

Fundraising Plan

Staff would like to see fundraising go towards outdoor classrooms on items such as mud kitchens and natural play structures. There is also always a need for technology with a focus on Chromebooks.

-Liz will ask again for what teachers may need inside the school, specifically Prep teachers being included.

-Laurel: Idea of having a school garden. You can have it be something that is portable that can be taken home at the end of the school year.

Colour House Flags

-Liz has mock ups from a high school student that were done a few years ago of each mascot for the Colour House Flags.

- \$500 cost from VistaPrint for 2 flags per Colour House which the Parent Council was asked to cover and it was agreed upon.

Fundraising Ideas:

Spirit Wear: Colour T-Shirts again will go live next Wednesday. There will be a raffle at the Open House for shirts that were in a kit.

Poinsettias: Did not make that much money last year but was not a lot of work so we will try it again.

Pizza Kits: Amy will reach out to Giresis and see if they can take us for this year and if not we will possibly consider Little Caesars again. (Spring)

Popcorn: Kernels? There is another popcorn company as well. But Liz will talk to staff and see if Grade 8s will run the popcorn days throughout the year with the possibility of a card punch system.

Hot Lunch: Subway, Pita Pit, Firehouse Subs, and Boston Pizza have all been talked to. Freshi did not work out well last year. Boston Pizza is the first one for the end of September and is set on Cash Online already.

Pizza Days: We will have Pizza days once a month through Cash Online but the funds will go towards Grade 8 and they will start it in October this year.

Blanket Donation: This will be presented to all families again this year and will be put on Cash Online.

Groovin' in the Grove: This will happen again in the Spring.

Gift Exchange: This will return again this year. Families will bring in items and then students can purchase gifts for their family members. The funds raised from this will go to charity. Usually the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

Crosswalk: The STOP sign will go up at the end of the laneway inside.

-The Building Supervisor and Superintendent have been made aware of it.

-Call the City if you have further concerns.

-Discussion of a 4 way stop or further signage or an exit only area.

-This is an ongoing concern and the Board has taken it to the City.

-The Catholic Board/ St.Michael's principal has also been in contact with Liz and they have been working on it together.

-Suggestion of contacting the Mayor and Councilors who are running.

Next Meeting: October 19th at 6:30PM (Third Wednesday of the Month)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:32PM