

**PDPS Community School Council – Meeting Minutes**  
**3rd Meeting of 2019/2020 School Year**

Monday December 2, 2019 6:30pm in the Library

**In Attendance:** Tina Young, Samantha Burns, Jessica Wagler, Jennifer Brackenbury, Chrissy Schultz, Aren Jenson, Dawn Richmond, Kim Maendel, Becki Hamilton, Jaime Braunig, Brigitte Balzer, Michelle Vandergaag, Ann Ofori-Atta, Regrets: Paulette Hamilton

**Welcome, opening comments:** Samantha welcomes the group, discussion of previous minutes. Motion to approve minutes: Ann Ofori-Atta. Motion seconded: Dawn Richmond

**Principal's Report** – Jennifer Brackenbury

**Musical** “Ring A Ding Town” performance is coming up; grades 1- 5/6 are participating. December 12 will be the matinee in the afternoon, and an evening performance at 7pm. Mrs. Livingston and Miss Finnie have invested hours into this performance, and the kids are having so much fun participating.

**Festive Feast** will take place Friday December 13. It is posted to school cash online for purchase, and is open to all students K -8; the meal will be served in the gym. Work to rule (job action) allows staff to serve in the gym. A number of parent volunteers will help out and we thank them.

**Mrs Kipp's** last day is December 10; she will begin at her new school December 11. We are in the process of hiring for the position.

**United Way:** has donated \$2000 to our nutrition program !! A notice to parents of this generous donation is coming out in our next newsletter; an incredible and much appreciated donation.

**A private donor** has donated money for new school uniforms. We have purchased 2 sets of new uniforms suitable for sports teams and other activities such as choir and cross country. We thank this private donor for this very significant contribution.

**Outdoor Classroom:** the application has been submitted, no word back on that yet. Once it is approved we can move forward with creating an account to move money into to earmark for our large target goal.

**Potential Labour Action:** Staff are currently in a work to rule situation; extra curricular activities are continuing. Students should not be noticing any real impact at this point. Labour action can change with 5 days notice.

**Action Item** from previous meeting: Posting items on school website for fundraising. Under the parent council tab we could potentially have something that says current or upcoming fundraisers. Could have links to information for parents; forms, due dates, links to purchase etc.

**Treasurer's Report :**

Pizza fundraiser earnings YTD: \$1781.74

Pita fundraiser earnings YTD: \$1320.50

Dielemans/ Rheo Thomson Mint Smoothies fundraiser earnings: \$1806.16

Expenses for the Awesome room came out this month (\$903.33) Purchased items such as: mag formers, timers, fidgets, games.

**Awesome Room:** this space is being utilized by up to 40 kids per day! It is now open to students during recess. Maximum 20 kids at a time; no electronics, no chrome books, must participate and interact with each other playing games, cards etc. Students can utilize the room for 1 recess each day and then need to go outside for the other recess. The Awesome room would happily accept donations of board games, card games (please keep it to known games/popular games, and short duration games)

## **Committee Reports:**

**Safe Schools:** Jamie Braunig; nothing to report

**Fundraising** – Dawn Richmond; Dielemans fundraiser: \$1169.21 profit; Rheo Thomson \$1020.57 profit. In January we will launch an Elmira Poultry fundraiser; around second week back to school. Hoping for Saturday February 22 delivery. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help distribute the product to parents when they come to pick up. Possibly 10am - 2pm would be the pickup time, this pickup will be outside, and volunteers will be outside, and can volunteer for as much time as they are able.

Rain Barrel fundraiser: proposed date Friday April 24, they do not do weekend delivery. Pickup window possibly 3-7pm. Rain barrels sell for approx. \$50 - \$60 each. Profit will be approx. \$10 per unit sold. Marketing campaign for this fundraiser will begin in the New Year, we will have our own website as well. Fire hall or arena parking lot could be a potential delivery location, more info to come in the New Year.

**Parent Involvement** – nothing to report

**Hot Lunch:** A bit of a downward turn in units purchased, but possibly because only 3 weeks as opposed to 4 weeks. Some parents missed the order date. We need to do a very quick turn around for the January order (to have Mrs Kipp's help before she is finished at our school)  
Due date – Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

**Council Policy changes and updates-** adding in a policy about hot lunch cancellation due to field trip. Wording changed to "co-chairs". Adding 10% or \$30 dollars flexibility to allow leeway on purchases approved by council, to mitigate unforeseen costs such as shipping and handling, tax etc. Policy changes will be fully written and ready for approval at the next council meeting.

**Me To We Update:** from Mrs. Schultz; Mrs. Finnigan's class won for the food drive challenge for bringing in the most food donations. Me To We club are going to pack the food hampers on Thursday night at the Wilmot Family Resource Centre in New Hamburg.

**Spirit Days:** Information to come out in the next newsletter; Spirit Week: December 16-20. Toque day, Hoodie/Track suit day, Twin day, Ugly sweater/Jersey day, Pajama day. \$2 donation for the week to participate.

**Reminder:** Income tax time is approaching. The school can accept monetary donations for a tax receipt. Contact Mrs. Brackenbury or Mrs. Kipp

Next Meeting: **Fundraising committee meeting only:** January 13 6:00pm Library

February 3 for Council group meeting – meet at 6:30pm Library

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm – Thanks for Attending!