

## **PDPS School Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 3**

**6:30pm**

**In Attendance:** Stacey Jorgensen, Kim Maendel, Heather G, Sam Burns, Dawn Richmond, Tina Young, Brigitte Balzer, Chris Schultz,, Trish Elcombe, Lindsay Kurt

**Sent Regrets:** Valerie Stuart

### **Welcome**

Approval of minutes: minutes can be found on school page under parents tab

Dawn approved, Tina second

### **Treasury Report**

Mrs Knight is away so we don't have a full report - lunch totals for Nov(\$537) and Dec (\$464.25) and Elmira Poultry (\$1841) and Mabels Labels (\$73.97) Hot lunch for Jan (\$488.75) Feb (\$500.25)

### **Hot Lunch Program**

Going smoothly

Start to plan for next year soon- Sam would like to connect with families to see what their thoughts are for next year. Would they like to see alternatives (Ayr Pizza, New Orleans, Dominos, Twice the Deal) Possibly do a facebook poll

### **Fundraising**

#### **Updates**

Elmira Poultry - use the funds for drum fit kits – they have arrived - will post info about the fundraiser and what was purchased - thank you to Sam/Dawn and Trish for handing out the chicken

Colour Paradise- next couple of weeks in time for mothers day- this year we can do \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards

Information was delivered to the school from a candy store (Reel Treats) in Woodstock - something to keep in mind for the future

Start thinking about fall fundraiser for next year instead of Dielmans - let Dawn know

### **PRO Grant:**

Had one meeting that discussed what the grant is and the group is meeting again April 13th - the group is investigating ways to gather information from families to see how they would like to see this grant used and will move forward

### **Family Engagement:**

Have done a call out to get a few more families involved in the group but have not had any interest so will do one more call out and will book first meeting shortly

## **Principals Report**

See Attached

\$200 for year end transportation was approved

## **New Business:**

Autism Awareness Day- perhaps it was a missed opportunity that wasn't shared within our school community - will recognize this later in the school year as it was missed

TVO special that was dedicated to school phobia and absenteeism and the impacts on children's mental wellness

## **Next meeting - May 15th - in person/ hybrid**

Add the link to the TVO special to next agenda (attendees will be able to watch ahead of time)

<https://www.tv.org/video/why-are-more-ontario-students-avoiding-school>

Meeting adjourned – 7:34pm

Dear Parent Council,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Last year around this time, Parent Council granted each classroom \$200 to put towards their year end trip. This donation made it possible for teachers to book a fun excursion for their classes while keeping the cost reasonable for families. Many teachers are currently in the process of planning their year end trips and I know that \$200 would greatly help to keep the costs low again this year. I ask you to consider granting \$200 to each classroom for their year end excursions for the 2022/2023 school year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Meghan McIntyre

## **Principal Report to School Council**

### **April 3, 2023**

#### **Appreciations**

Thank you so much for postponing the meeting until this week. Continued thanks to all School Community Members for their support. Thanks to Dawn for organizing the Chicken fundraiser, and to Dawn and Sam for braving the bitterly cold morning to distribute the inventory! We appreciate your efforts very much! Thank you also to those who continue to volunteer their time to help with our hot lunch days, nutrition program, volunteer reading program and who serve as School Council executive members, as well as those PDPS community members who are attending and supporting tonight's meeting.

#### **School Organization**

As of today, we have grown by 1 to 246 student registered for in-person learning at Plattsville. We will, unfortunately, be losing a family with three students later this month to another province. Mrs. Schultz has returned from her leave and we're thrilled to have her back with us! Unfortunately, Mrs. Knight will be off for another 5 to 6 weeks following surgery last week. We will occasionally have secretarial support over the next 2 weeks before a long term assignment is able to begin on April 17. Our temporary secretary, Mrs. Vink, will be unable to do financial tasks. These will all have to go through Board-level personnel (need 2-3 days notice to complete) until Mrs. Knight returns. We were able to secure 0.2 FTE teacher for our primary Health and Grade 7/8 History/Health position. Ms. J. Arthur has been in the role since February. We have also secured a Charge Custodian, Mrs. C. White, who will fill the position permanently. We also have had two applicants to our Noon Hour Supervisor position. One is ready to begin this week. We have received our staffing allocations for 2023-2024. At this time, we have been allotted 2 Kindergartens, 4 Primary classes, and 6 Junior/Intermediate classes, an increase of one classroom as our prospective numbers have increased for next year. Our staffing committee is meeting tomorrow to propose our class organization structure, Teaching assignments will be completed by April 14, and class placement meetings will begin early in May.

#### **Unfilled Jobs**

We continue to have unfilled jobs for all jobs within the school, which continues to be an issue across TVDSB and beyond. We do our best daily to maintain as much consistency as possible for students' learning during these times.

#### **TVDSB Award of Distinction**

Congratulations to our own Mrs. Dickson on being one of TVDSB's Award of Distinction recipients for 2023! Well deserved!

#### **Strong Start**

Our Strong Start program has already completed its first round. Four of our Grade 2 students worked with three volunteers over the past 3 months. We will be losing one of our volunteers for the next round, but have had another community member train and will again be working with 4 Grade 2 students, as identified by class-based data. We are grateful to our community volunteers and to Mrs. Werezak for setting up and running this program to support our students' learning.

#### **School-based Fundraising**

Our milk and popcorn fundraisers are up and running. Proceeds have already gone to purchase new 'pinnies' for our students when they compete at various events in the Valley. Our next planned purchases will be for shirts specifically to be worn by non-sports clubs and arts program

groups, and to purchase new team uniform tops. Once all of these purchases have been made, then further proceeds will go to purchasing or replacing aging technology. We hope to continue running both fundraisers again in 2023-2024.

### **Emergency Drills at School**

Each year, the school is required to complete 6 fire drills, 2 high winds drills and two hold and secure drills. We have completed all of our Fall drills, and our Winter high winds drill. In the month of April we will complete our final hold and secure drill, and in May should complete our final 3 fire drills.

### **School Purchases from School Council Funds/Staff Wishlist**

Our DrumFit kits have arrived, and we are looking forward to getting them into our 'gym' circulation. Thanks for your portion of the funding to purchase this set. We hope to also be able to use the kit for parent/family engagement sessions in the future.

Please see the attached funds request from the staff regarding end-of-year trips.

### **Upcoming Dates**

April 4 Girls' Badminton Tournament

April 6 Grad/Student Photo retakes, Boys' Badminton Tournament, Passover

April 7 Good Friday

April 9 Easter Sunday

April 10 Easter Monday – no school

April 11 Regional Badminton Finals

April 14 Grade 7 Immunizations

April 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 22 (Eid) al Fitr, Earth Day

April 26 Superintendent Visit

May 1 – 5 Education Week, Grade 7/8s to Vansittart Woods Leadership Program

May 4 Evening 'Open House' (more details to be provided)

May 5 Superintendent Visit

May 11 PDPS Track and Field Meet (Gr. 4-8)

May 12 PDPS T&F Raindate

May 14 Mothers' Day

May 15 International Family Day

May 18 Kindergarten Orientation and Classroom Visit

May 19 PA Day – no school

May 22 Victoria Day

May 23/24or25 Regional Track & Field Meet at CASS

May 30,31 EQAO (Gr. 3& 6)

May 31 Superintendent Visit

June 1 EQAO (Gr. 3& 6)

June 2 PA Day – no school

June 12,14,16 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive

June 12,13 TVDSB Special Olympics

June 18 Fathers' Day

June 21 Grade 8 Graduation, National Indigenous Peoples' Day, Summer begins

June 27 Report Cards Home

June 29 Last day of school, (Eid) al Adha

June 30 PA Day

Respectfully submitted by

Trish Elcombe,

Principal