



Plattsville & District Public School

School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2023 | Time: 6:30 p.m., Virtual

Present: Henrik Rehwedel, Sam Burns, Valerie Stuart, Trish Elcombe, Lindsay Kurt, Heather Graham, Tina Young, Kim, Stacey Jorgensen, Dawn Richmond, Brigitte Balzer

Regrets: Chrissy Schultz

Agenda Items:

- Welcome (Henrik Rehwedel)
 - Motion: That the minutes from the Nov. 28, 2022, meeting be approved.
 - Moved by Stacey Jorgensen, seconded by Valerie Stuart, and approved unanimously.
- Treasury Report (Stacey Jorgensen)
 - Account balance and summary of activity since last meeting includes:
 - Dielman's fundraiser amount was \$932.93
 - Lunchbox credits for November and December were for \$504.25 and \$537
 - Current account balance is \$8,842.06, but this includes some funds that have been committed to sporting equipment purchases
- Hot Lunch Program (Sam Burns)
 - Update
 - A second volunteer for pizza day has been trained
 - Investigating the possibility of adding a burrito place (Cambridge) to the program
 - There has been confusion about the popcorn and milk fundraiser – they are not part of the hot lunch program; redirect questions to the school office.
- Fundraising (Dawn Richmond)
 - Goals and activities to be focused on this year
 - Upcoming Elmira Poultry fundraiser
 - Feb 7 orders due, delivery date of Feb 25
 - A message will be sent out this week to families
 - Sam and Dawn have volunteered to manage the pickup activities
 - Fundraiser is for Drumfit (or alternative) equipment
 - Drumfit requires a subscription (software license), which requires a Board vetting procedure. This license needs to be in place before the equipment can be purchased. Alternatives, such as purchasing pieces (exercise balls, collars for the balls, drum sticks, storage containers, etc.) to make our own drumkits, are being explored.
 - Spring fundraiser
 - Proposed idea is Colour Paradise gift cards (preferable various amounts)
 - A wish list of needs has been amassed by Trish Elcombe (has been emailed to Council members); if additional funds come in from fundraisers, an item(s) on this list can be the "back up" fundraising recipient.



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- Snack Program (Sam Burns)
 - Updates
 - Recognition was given for their donation and efforts towards to the Festive Feast donation.

- Principals Report (Trish Elcombe)
 - There have been positive reviews from students and volunteers about the Festive Feast
 - Currently have 245 registered in-person students (two families have moved away).
 - Mrs. Schultz is off on a short term leave; Mrs. Woolcott is covering the vacancy.
 - Mrs. House-Jones found a full time contract elsewhere, so PDPS has a 0.2 FTE teacher vacancy for our primary Health and Grade 7/8 History/Health position.
 - Ms. Hutchinson continues to fill the role of temporary Charge Custodian, with Mr. Smith working as evening custodian.
 - Kindergarten registration started today and goes to Feb 10.
 - The PDPS staff are nominating a member for the TVDSB Award of Distinction. Other nominations for a student, parent, volunteer, staff member, etc., are due Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.
 - The Strong Start program is up and running, where volunteers offer one-on-one support to grade 2 students.
 - School-based fundraising with popcorn sales is now active (and milk sales will begin Feb. 1), with profits going towards new uniforms for teams and clubs, and technology needs.
 - Currently looking for community members to assist with noon hour supervision
 - Information about emergency codes is posted at the entrances to the school.
 - Yellow (short term, will only be a few minutes)
 - Staff and students stay in classroom and continue on with activities as normal
 - Used for incidents such as a missing student, an issue arising in a hallway or classroom, etc.
 - Families are not notified
 - Red (longer term)
 - Shelter in place; lockdown code
 - Practiced twice a year
 - This code is used when directed by police or if we have a known intruder in or around the building
 - Families notified (after the fact)
 - Report cards and IEPs are scheduled to be sent home on Feb. 10.
 - School Council has been asked to review and approve the PDPS Code of Conduct, Policy on Use of Personal Electronic Devices
 - There is a new TVDSB dress code policy regarding hats; it is recommended that the statement “removing hats when entering the school at the request of staff” be removed so that the PDPS policy is not in contradiction with the TVDSB policy.
 - It was also recommended that the statement “Dress in a manner that is suitable and appropriate for school” in the chart near the end of the policy be removed, as this is a very subjective statement.
 - A link to the TVDSB dress code policy should be included in its place
 - Motion: That the PDPS Code of Conduct, Policy on Use of Personal Electronic Devices be approved with the recommended changes listed above.
 - Moved by Sam Burns, seconded by Tina Young, and approved unanimously.



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- Roles and Responsibilities of Council (Henrick Rehwedel)
 - Review of document to be brought forward for recommendation of any updates, changes etc.
 - Motion: That the Roles and Responsibilities of Council document be approved.
 - Moved by Henrick Rehwedel, seconded by Valerie Stuart, and approved unanimously.
- Fall Feast
 - Feedback/follow up to event
 - Positive feedback from teacher, student, and volunteer perspectives
 - Suggestions for next year:
 - Limiting some menu options or providing the list to teachers ahead of time (students were overwhelmed by all the choices)
 - Possibly stagger event to lessen waiting, or use a trolley to serve most things at tables instead of having buffet (have other items available family style on tables)
 - Continue with the breakfast idea, as students were very comfortable with the familiar foods
 - Have head sets on hand and possibly a sensory-sensitive area available, as it was too loud for some students
 - Give student volunteers more time to eat, as the grade 8s did not have much time to enjoy the feast after helping younger students.
- Committee Assignments
 - No updates
- Call for new business
 - Pro Grant Funding (Sam Burns)
 - This is a \$5000 grant available to our school with a yearly application deadline of Mar. 1.
 - Projects are to help break down barriers to parents and families participating in school life, such as:
 - Addressing social inclusion, racism, and discrimination; creating safe and welcome environments
 - Enhancing communication with teachers
 - Informing parents about curriculum
 - Interactive math nights
 - Cyber bullying
 - Health and wellness events
 - Speakers
 - A subcommittee will be created to develop an application for the 2024 deadline.
 - End of school year family event (Henrick Rehwedel)
 - Recommended to have more than 2 food trucks; Trish already has names of more food trucks for the planning subcommittee to explore.
 - More volunteers will be sought for the subcommittee.
- Next meeting date
 - March 27 6:30 pm to 8 pm, virtual