

PDPS School Council Meeting Minutes

May 15th 6:30pm

In Attendance: Stacey, Sam, Henrick, Trish, Chris Schultz, Kim Maendel, Janet Kurt

Sent Regrets: Tina, Dawn, Heather, Valerie, Bridgette

Welcome

Approval of minutes: Do not have Quorum to approve – Please review online

Treasury Report

New entries: March hot lunch was \$163 (Jan through March are still pending deposit)

Anticipate grad committee will be asking for a donation – Traditionally \$500 (Need to vote once request received)

Wish list items requested include outdoor play center \$630 and anchor easel and outdoor sandbox

After we validate the year end items and accounts, we can commit to wish list items in September

Action Items:

Kindergarten request to buy new resources for a fun day on site with end of year field trip allowance (\$400 for bussing), \$399.66 – **Need to vote**

Fundraising

No new report

Need to discuss which items we would want to organize ie Sandbox would be \$20,000 (ballpark) and would take 2 years

Question - The outdoor learning – 3 phase plan – part 1 and 2 accomplished, decision was made to not move forward with phase 3. Do we want to revisit the shade part as an item next year? Are there Green grants to plant mature trees? Is there a contact at Evergreen? Maybe create a committee to create more outdoor usable space

Ideas - True Earth – runs like Mables Lables – people use the code and get a payment from the company

Student Mental Wellness - video30Mins

<https://www.tv.o.org/video/why-are-more-ontario-students-avoiding-school> Discussion on impact of student absence, school phobia and resources available. Current mental wellness practices, possible universal or best practices moving forward

School absenteeism – School counsellor handle 7-12 schools and have limited time to see students. It can be a month between visits. This year has been especially bad after taking the restrictions away. Parents are requesting support and referral from counsellors and there aren't enough spaces at school. Families need access and direction to public resources support. School bought the School Phobia workbook and they are incorporating the strategies and activities into IAPs. There is a licensable version for approx. \$200 available. Notes that every child should have a mental health plan. ABC's Acceptance, Belonging, Curriculum. Link to video and get Sam's notes (The agenda (name of program), Episode 61 on March 28th – Steve Pakan)

Possible presenters – Sarah Westwood, use Pro-Grant funds to bring in someone

Wellness evening – Drum Fit activity, pizza and kid activities

Request to run Book Fair next year. Currently run by teachers, people are interested in running it. Sam and Janet – Would need school liaison for details and create a schedule. Before school, after school, during school couple days, one lunch hour. Money and resources would still go to the school, not the council.

Hot Lunch – Sam did the survey on Survey Monkey, Sam to send to committee for review

Pro-Grant – No updates from attending members

- One recurring topic is the relationship between the parent and the teacher
- What happened to the daily planner?
- Would Pro-Grant want to fund it? Need \$15 per agenda
- Alternative is to print a weekly paper that goes back and forth or Google Classroom

Survey – School Dress guidelines – Reviewed questions with team and Trish is responding to board

Reviewed chair emails – Sam cannot access – Trish to take away

Principals report – Thank you to fundraising and carnival committees

248 students registered for next year, transferring awesome room into classroom.

Mrs McRorie has announced her retirement. It has not gone out to families yet On the day it does Trish will go and announce to class

Mrs Vink has accepted another position so we will be without a secretary again until May 29th (anticipated return of Ms Knight)

EA allocation for next year is 2, can apply for a start EA

Kindergarten orientation is on Wednesday, none of the public support are coming, Sam setting up parent council table 2:45 to 3:15 kindergarten teachers will be with parents in gym, story time for the kids, parent council and police check information given out, packages given out.

Jump rope for heart is June 15th, same day as carnival – can use activities in evening

Grade 8 graduation is June 21st

Next meeting is going to be emails only

Carnival needs support – Asking for 45 min timeslot volunteers, we have Grade 7/8 volunteers but need adult supervision

- Cotton candy
- Popcorn
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Face painting
- tattoos