

## PDPS Community School Council Minutes

### **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 2021/2022 School Year**

Monday June 20, 2021, at 6:00pm

Plattsville Public school Library - End of Year PotLuck

**In Attendance:** Samantha Burns, Jessica Wagler, Trish Elcombe, Dawn Richmond, Stacey Jorgensen, Ann Ofori-Atta, Tina Young, Chrissy Schultz. Unable to attend: Henrik Ruhwedel, Kim Maendel

**Welcome to the Meeting:** Co-Chair Samantha welcomes the group.

#### **Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

Motion to approve April minutes: Stacey Jorgensen

Motion Seconded: Ann Ofori-Atta

#### **Treasury Report:**

Treasurer: Stacey Jorgensen

Previous Month account balance \$ 4,633.68

Expenses \$ 2200.00 busing for year end field trips; not all classes will use the busing funds if they did not plan a year end trip. Council voted to apply the remaining funds that had been allotted to busing costs to an end of year Primary Water Play day instead. \$500. 00 was donated to help with the grade 8 graduation ceremony.

Tentative revenue (not yet applied to account): Dieleman's funds earned \$1,115.36

Elmira Poultry funds earned \$ 2,267.00

Funds earned, amounts not yet finalized or applied to account: June Hot lunch, Beavertails, Born2Eat

Closing Account Summary -Thames Valley School Board Financial Analyst will send out the end of the year closeout numbers throughout the summer for our official Parent Council funds for 2021/2022.

#### **Principals Report - Trish Elcombe**

##### Appreciations

Thank you so much to the Family Fun Night Organizing Committee for a wonderfully successful evening! We have had very positive feedback from families who were able to attend. Hopefully we can make it an annual event!

Thanks to the core group of executives and members of the School Council who have been so committed and involved in supporting our students this year through not only fundraising efforts, but also our staff and various programs throughout the year. We look forward to increasing our parent participation for 2022-2023.

##### Covid-19 Updates

We will continue to provide Rapid Antigen Test kits for students/staff who are experiencing symptoms and would like to test for Covid. We have arranged for pick up this summer of additional PPE that has not been claimed. Other than hand sanitizer, all expired items will be disposed of at the school level. We have been advised to keep back enough masks for staff for the start of the school year as a proactive measure. We have received no further information at this time regarding September start-up.

##### School Organization

We will be saying 'goodbye' to a number of staff at the end of this month. Mrs. Martinez and Ms. O'Reilly will end their temporary Educational Assistant contracts, Mrs. Wopereis and Mrs. Lowrick will complete their Long Term Occasional teaching contracts, and Mr. Barry will be transferring to Westfield PS in Tillsonburg. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Ms. Baker, Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Bannon. We also wish to welcome Ms. Wesselson 'officially' as our new Grade 5/6 teacher and will be hiring an additional 0.2 teacher over the summer. We also hope to have a Charge Custodian in place for September.

At this time, we have 252 students registered for 2022-2023. This is an increase of 17 students from our current enrolment. This includes 22 new JK registrations, our remote students returning to in-person and 4 other new students to PDPS. Our class organization (11 classrooms total) remains unchanged for 2022-2023. Our school organization plan has been submitted with two JKSK classes, Grade 1, Grade 1/2, two Grade 2/3, Grade 3/4, Grade 4/5, Grade 5/6, Grade 6/7 and Grade 7/8. All classes at Kindergarten and Primary levels are at their cap limits as these are our largest numbers (20). If you know of or meet any new families with children who would be eligible to begin JK in September (born 2018) or to attend PDPS but have not yet registered them, please encourage them to do so ASAP through the online registration process! We have been told that 'most schools should expect to do some reorganizing in September'.

### Final Reports

Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication of Learning for term2 and IEPs for term 3 will be going home on Monday, September 27. This allows for families to have an opportunity to respond through the remittance of the form attached to the report, or to contact the educators for further information or clarification.

### Safe Schools Team

Since our last meeting, the Safe Schools Team has met to update our Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan for 2022-2023. We will continue with the theme of Empathy, and will be communicating more information with parents this coming year on this topic, restorative approaches and perhaps 'thoughts of the day' for discussion starters at home.

### Graduation

Our Grade 8s will be having an in-person evening ceremony on Tuesday, June 28 in our gym. Our Senior Kindergartens will have a brief ceremony on June 23 at 9:15 am in the outdoor classroom, weather permitting.

### 'Canada' Day

We are planning some special activities for the last day of school to celebrate our first 'in-person last day' in a while! – Plans will be shared with families this Friday once they have been confirmed.

### Upcoming Dates

June 23	Kindergarten Graduation
June 24	Panther Spirit Day
June 27	Reports & IEPs home
June 28	Grade 8 Graduation at PDPS
June 29	Last day of school, 'Canada' Day
June 30	PA Day

### **Hot Lunch Program:**

Committee Members: Samantha Burns

Hoping to communicate with the new pizza store in town- Andy's Legendary Pizza, to see if they will honour our pricing for hot lunches for school year 2022/2023. If not we will use the same Pizza supplier in Ayr who used to own the Plattsville Pizza location. Look into doing a once-a-month special hot lunch, spaghetti ? will check with D&D in Tavistock for more options. Would like to do only 1 pizza day a week rather than 2. Will put out the word that more volunteers will be needed for next year to help with hot lunch days. Tuesday and Thursday for our regular hot lunch days, and maybe add one Wednesday each month to have a special lunch. Looking into Lunchbox meal delivery to see about other meal options for a special meal day once a month. Would like to start hot lunches for October 5 in the Fall.

### **Fundraising:**

Committee Members: Dawn Richmond, Samantha Burns, and Henrik Ruhwedel, Kim Maendel.

Dieleman's will give us a better earning percentage if we commit to doing their fundraiser now for the fall. Look at doing the Fresh from The Farm fundraiser for the nutrition program, and will ask families for other ideas of fundraising opportunities. Would like to look into the potential of providing the "Festive Feast" holiday meal at Christmas time as well. Could use Nutrition program funds to help keep costs minimal for families.

**Parent Engagement Fund:**

Committee Members: Tina Young, Henrik Ruhwedel, Samantha Burns, Ann Ofori-Atta

Sam thanks all the amazing volunteers for all your hard work at the end of year Family Night.

Teachers would like to do a “Meet the Community Night” a little different than the traditional meet the teacher night in the fall. They would like to schedule something within the first 3 weeks of the school year to welcome the community, and families back to school in September. Could invite the Fire department and police to do safety presentations; Kathy Hofstetter from the Public Library; Public Health Nurse to talk about immunizations; Plattsville Panther Spirit Wear - have clothing display and have samples to try on, then clothing orders to be done online. Members of parent council be available to talk about the importance of volunteers to run council. Possibly have snacks being offered and trying to engage families right from the start of the school year. As well as having an end of school community celebration in June.

Parent Council voting on new members – elections meeting must be completed within the first 30 days of the school year. Could be done as an online meeting as well. Monday September 26 for a potential elections meeting.

Opportunities for all positions on Parent Council are open.

Brainstorming ways to engage new volunteers for Parent Council – offer hybrid style meetings as an option for parents who can’t attend in person. Get a flyer made for the fall to generate more interest in getting new parents out to council. Provide information on the council roles, meeting attendance expectations, decision making opportunities, and examples of what Parent Council has provided for the school community in the past years.

**Safe Schools:**

Committee Members: Valerie Stuart, Tina Young

Safe Schools Plan: TVDSB has allowed our school to continue with our plan to work on empathy.

Safety Survey: asked staff and students about their feelings of safety within the school. Survey completed, incidents information gathered, kept our current safety plan, and expanded on how to foster feelings of empathy.

Discussed restorative justice: suspensions vs. progressive discipline. Prefer to bring students together to talk about any incidents that occur, getting students to think from another perspective, talking it through and finding the root of the issue. What happened? How did you feel? How do you think the other person felt?

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 pm – Thanks for Attending!**

**Next Meeting Date: TBA**