

Minutes for April 24th Parent Council Meeting

Present: Logan Valentini, Julie Tappley, Hilary Abbey, Dorothy Homolka, Paul LaFleur, Tricia Troup, Tara Gustyn, Amanda Hill, Kristi-Anna Beaudry, Jen Daniels

Principal's Report:

There will be a letter going out to families regarding the possibility of receiving information emails to help keep the communication flowing

Survey to all Staff regarding the future of the Breakfast Club, whether it is being utilized enough to validate keeping it. Council agreed that it is certainly a worthwhile option for our students. The issue is the lack of church volunteers needed to keep it running. Joan Dekker and Hilary Abbey are discussing options

Agendas for next year-it has been decided by staff to order the student planners through the DSBN for September. They are 1/3 of the cost. It was agreed by staff although not unanimously to try to make an effort to make planner use an expectation for both student and teacher.

Still need to increase attendance at parent council meetings. It was suggested that a sign announcing the date and time be placed at all entrances of the school the week before. Hilary agreed to take on this responsibility.

Parent Nights-There is a Pro Grant application for \$1000 that is due Friday June 8th. The money is to be used by school council to increase the parent involvement in the school. Suggested ways to bring parents in were: Tech Nights, Math night, Literacy night, anti-bullying speaker, How can I help my child at home?

Year end certificates-Certificates created to include every child at the school. Hilary Abbey and Amanda Hill are working together to create these certificates. A letter will need to go out to all students so that they can check off the activities that they participated in. Activities that are in addition to the team sports i.e.; push up challenge, hop scotch, skipping, reading.

Track and Field moved to Friday April 27th. There is a need for additional volunteers for both the Tuck Shop and the Ribbon Table. Hilary would like to introduce participation ribbons next year so that every student receives a ribbon.

Crossing Guard-The city has been looking into the possibility of relocating our Bunting/Parnell crossing guard. Paul LaFleur is willing to meet with city council when the time comes to discuss the necessity of moving it to a better location. Paul mentioned major flood areas that need to be avoided.

3 New iPads- the question was raised as to why more money is being spent on more ipads. The school receives a Tech Allocation that is to be used towards technology to supplement learning. The money is not to be used for anything else. The ipads are very versatile and portable. "We are digital learners".

Hilary showed a video clip on technology. The school is also given money for the foreign students that attend our school. The staff determines where that money is spent and it has been put towards Smart Boards.

Old Business

Cook Book-the cover has been sent and has been approved. They are in production, no delivery date as of yet.

Zehrs Receipts-we have received a cheque for \$350 to date. We will continue collecting receipts for the rest of this year and submit again in August. We will continue with this next year as well.

Fundscrip-there are 20 families signed up but not enough using, it doesn't seem to be working. Kristi-Anna is looking into using Shop and Support for next year.

Terra Cycle – a company that recycles non-recyclable items into usable things such as benches and bags. Kristi-Anna is looking into the possibility of bringing this into our school for next year. Suggested the use of a tray at the back of each classroom to collect items. The company then pays to have the items shipped and in return the school receives approximately \$0.02 per item.

Raining Pennies- very well received by both staff and students. A wonderful school spirit fun event that raised approximately \$500 for the school. Total amount to be announced next week. The top class will receive a pizza and all you can drink orange juice party. This money will be put towards the playground

New Business

School Photos-there was some disappointment of the quality of the school photos in general, including the grad photos that were recently done. Some parents would like to see the original format of the class photo brought back however this was not unanimous. It was decided that Tara Gustyn will look into other options and pricing.

Play Day – costs council approximately \$500-\$600 to provide the hot dog lunch. Staff has not discussed this yet.

Looking Ahead to Next Year:

Popcorn Sales- if we sold the healthy prepackaged popcorn 1 day a week for 32 weeks that would be approximately \$960 for the school.

Christmas Concert-Add a silent auction using classroom themed baskets. Offer this done the intermediate hallway to avoid the extra congestion brought on by the book fair. This would need to be advertised as the Christmas Concert is only for the Primary Division. However the book fair is for all students and families so with proper communication this could be a very big success. A cook book sale and scarf sale (courtesy of Dorothy Homolka) will also be included.

Raining Penning-definitely being repeated next spring!

Winter Wonderland-organizing already well underway by Logan Valentini and Julie Tappley. They will be using the money from the Zehrs receipts for all expenses.

Pumpkinville-It was agreed that this is an event we need to hold on to. Waiting on details from Kim Beaudette

Movie Nights were suggested as a way to increase community and school spirit. No decisions made

Nevada-our second box is still not up and running. Our box in the Pendale Plaza was empty upon Kim's inspection last week. Phone calls were made to see why the contract is not being fulfilled. We do have a total of \$3000. It is believed that this money can be used towards the playground. Still waiting for confirmation.

Fundraising Letter-it was decided that a letter be sent home in September listing ALL of the fundraisers that will take place throughout the school year including both parent and student council.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY MAY 22ND AT 6PM. VOTING IN NEW COUNCIL WILL BE DONE