

Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda

January 23, 2024

Introductions

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

December/January Wrap-up

- Winter Wonderland - all positive comments from parent/staff/kids
- Frosty's Lunch - all the food was eaten, enjoyed by kids/staff
- Grocery Gift cards - did not use school council \$\$, not allowed per finance department @ DSBN
- Secondary School Transition and Course Selections
- Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 Have That Talk - Mental Health
- Black Excellence/Black Joy/ Black History Month
- Draft DSBN 2024/2025 Calendar

What is going on at Port Weller.....

- Clubs - Robotics (competition in february), Podcast, Writers (working on a book), Minecraft, chess club (gr. 3&4)
- Intermediate Basketball
- Junior Basketball Club before school (Jan 29 to Feb 2) led by Ms. Lyle, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Reimer
- Student Council- Junior and Intermediate

Coming Up in February

- Kindergarten Open House & Spirit Day - Feb 1
- Lockdown Drill - 1st week of February, will be parent information coming home soon
- Junior Basketball led by Ms. Wood
- Shake It Off Winter Dance - last Monday in February, just for fun for the students
- Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 Eqao Mid-Year Assessments
- Playground Equipment - will be assessed in March for repairs/replacement - see below

2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie:

Sept 1, 2023 Opening Balance: \$10,780.26

Current Balance at Jan 22, 2024: \$11,292.79

Updates:

- Winter Wonderland took in funds of \$2900 on the day (after float) and after expenses we made \$675 (the point isn't to make money but what a bonus for the hard work and wonderful time!)
- Poinsettia Fundraiser was \$911.40 in sales (for comparison in 2021: \$1,871 & 2022: \$1,284)
- Total School payments made since September \$3,241.87; this includes: Classroom funds, Drawing Tablets, \$500 for "inclusive" library books, garden
- No Ice Dogs Tickets through the account yet

Future Withdrawals: Niagara College payment for poinsettias, remaining teacher support (\$150 per staff)

3. Chair Updates:

Winter Wonderland Update: Stephanie

- Maybe more items for moms and dads at the shopping table going forward

Ice Dogs Game- Save the Date:

- Sunday February 4th at 4pm pn sale now!
- Reserved approx 150 tickets to start

4. Initiatives Updates:

- School Council Funds: \$500 given by the DSBN to promote equity and involvement by more parents in school council
 - Jonathan Brown to look into audio equipment to make meetings more accessible virtually
 - Proposed childcare during the meetings as well - look into insurance and providers?
- literacy curriculum resources: blending boards for students
 - Proposed to make approx 125 boards for each student in K - 2

- Cost: Approx \$600-\$1000 - in process to work on during Feb meeting?



- Movie Night or literacy night?
 - Jonathan Brown to look into audio equipment for the gym for better sound experience
 - End of March
 - Ask staff what they would prefer?
- Earth Day Ideas
 - Indigenous component - MaryAnn to speak at Feb meeting
 - Book swap idea?
 - Gently used toy swap idea?
- Playground!
 - Playground to be assessed again in March for repairs/replacement
 - Both playgrounds need repairs, some pieces may not be able to be repaired and need to be replaced
 - Look into playground options/grant options/approximate costs to bring to Feb meeting in preparations for replacing the playgrounds in the next 1-3 years
 - Some repairs to come out of school budget, rest will be funded by School Council
- Shaw Play - Secret Garden & My Fair Lady
 - Information has been shared with staff and Gr 6 is planning on attending in June

Fundraisers:

- Spring Ideas: Mother's Day Flowers, Dance-a-thon, Bulbs
 - Review in February

Adjournment: Next meeting: February 27, 2024

Parent Advisory Council Initiatives (last 5 years):

Community Events: Open House, Trivia Night, Leader in Me Night, Math Night, Movie Nights, Literacy Night, Winter Wonderland, Ice Dogs Night

Fundraisers: Chocolate Bars, Mums, Poinsettias, Trivia Night, Bulbs, Dance-a-thon, Pizza Night, Pumpkinville

\$200 per classroom/LRT in 2020

\$150 per classroom/LRT in 2023

Technology

- Chromebooks for LRT
- iPads for Kindergarten Classrooms
- Computer Lab
- Traveling Chromebook cart
- Sound system
- School Sign
- Bluetooth Speaker for the gym

Uniforms

- Volleyball
- Gymnastics
- Basketball

Science

- Microscopes
- Scientists in the Classroom

Math

- Manipulatives
- Outdoor math bags for kindergarten

Building Wide Initiatives

- Wood chips
- Painting tarmac
- Chairs by the Front Entrance
- Popcorn Machine
- Front Door Design/All doors painted

- Library Renovation: contribution towards cupboards
- Picnic Tables
- Branded Tent for School Events
- Author Visit: Michael Jacques
- Outdoor Volleyball Nets
- \$10/ student for transportation for school trips 2023
- Backdrop/greenscreen
- funded Grinch Antipastos lunch and subsidized Rankin Run lunch
- Funded Kindness Cart Kindergarten Project- flowers to seniors
- Funding for Garden Club/Mulching and landscaping off the front gardens

Physical Education

- Gymnastics Mats
- Tricycles for Kindergarten
- Outdoor Volleyball nets

Literacy

- \$3000 for primary readers (Grades 1-3)
- \$1500 to top up higher level readers
- Funded 2023 Literacy Night and author visit
- \$500 each year to the library for books focused on equity and inclusion

Arts

- Funded transportation for school-wide play to Matilda
- 5 drawing tablets

Charitable Donations

- Past Donations made to Community Care and Niagara Nutrition Partners