

# **Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda**

## **November 28, 2023**

### Introductions

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

### November Wrap up

- Progress report and interviews
  - Went well, lots of families out
- PD Day
  - Split into 3 areas:
    - Belonging and Special Education
    - Board developed language program
    - Board developed math program
- Grade 8 Day @ Simcoe, High School Open Houses- Course Selections
- Njacko Backo Presentation
  - 1hr bilingual presentation in the gym, gr 4-8 seemed to really enjoy it
- Chocolate Bar survey
  - Only 2 people responded, plan to send it again for more information

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

- WITS
  - Acronym for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help
  - Pilot project through Youth Counselor @ PW
  - Teaching the kids to work through social conflict with their peers on the playground or in class
  - Introduced during Kindness Week
- We need an LRS (Lunch Room Supervisor)
  - Paid position, every day from 10:45-11:25 for indoor and outdoor supervision
- Junior Boys and Girls Triple Ball happening now, basketball is next
- Student Teachers
  - We have 5 right now, 2 in K, 2 in 7/8, 1 in 6
  - Starting their teaching now until the holiday break

- Robotics - Governor Simcoe competition this week with 12 students, lead by Mr. Dyck and Ms. Alton
- Winter Wonderland pairing and Artwork creation is planned and will be worked on next week

#### Coming Up in December

- Community Care Food Drive
  - Happening now, each day is themed
- Winter Wonderland is December 7 & 8
- Frosty's Lunch is December 20, set up family style in the gym
- K-3 Trip to "It is Okay to be Different" is December 6
- Grocery Gift Cards
  - PAC to support 4 or 5 families with Grocery Gift Cards for during the holiday break while the breakfast program is unavailable

#### 2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie

Balance: \$10,800

Spent approx. \$7000 in November

- \$4484 for chocolate bar payment
- \$2453 for garden club, new library books, staff support

Chocolate Bars: \$7, 678.65- (approx) \$4,600 = approx. \$3000

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

Cobbs fundraiser for Niagara Nutrition Partners raised approx \$2000 for the nutrition program

#### 3. Chair Updates:

Winter Wonderland Date: Friday December 8th

- Cookie decorating (reimbursement for supplies):
  - baking sugar cookies (we need approx. 250-300 total) (Patti, Kerri, Elizabeth)
  - purchasing icing tubs and toppings from stores
- Raffle table (Amy):
  - purchasing penny raffles tickets from store
- Popcorn Table (Elizabeth):

- picking up popcorn bags from the warehouse in Beamsville (once order is placed!)
  - Mystery Bags (Robyn & Kerri):
    - counting and closing up bags donated (checking for value and topping up as needed to ensure we have enough per grade division (need to confirm Numbers of K-3 and then 4-8 with M. Brewster)
  - Wrapping table (Amy and Kerri):
    - Purchasing paper/tape/labels (if needed- once we receive donations)
  - Guessing Jars (Emily):
    - purchasing 2 jars/containers and contents for guessing game
  - Shopping Table:
    - I will be working on refilling many of the bins over this weekend- but might have some areas to have some others jump in and help fulfill the purchasing if I can't quite get to it all.
  - Counting change post event (Patti)

#### Ice Dogs Game- Save the Date:

- Sunday February 4th at 4pm
- Reserved approx 150 tickets to start

#### Initiatives Updates

- literacy curriculum resources: blending boards for students
  - Proposed to make approx 125 boards for each student in K - 2
  - Make them at Jan meeting
  - Cost: Approx \$600-\$1000 (Elizabeth to look into further)



- Family Night? Movie Night?
  - Tabled until Jan meeting
- Shaw Play - Secret Garden?
  - Tabled until Jan meeting

Fundraisers:

- Poinsettias currently on sale from Niagara College.

Adjournment: Next meeting: January 23, 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