SAC Agenda for Tuesday, April 25

Attendance: Hillary, Brooke, Amanda, Julie, Kate, Patti, Elsa, Stacey

Principal’s Report

1. Staffing update - staffing allocation not changing for next year – will likely have 3 kindergarten sections again; not anticipating any teaching staff changes; there is the possibility that Hillary will be moving schools
2. Class Make ups – numbers suggest there will be split grade classes again
3. Design and Technology – grade 7 and 8 will no longer be bussed to high schools for D&T
4. Approval for the school garden came today
5. Parents will be receiving a survey home about bullying, harassment and the overall safety of your school – across the DSBN

Financial Update

Relatively unchanged since last meeting

Outstanding Business from Last Meeting

1. Microscopes – 10-12 needed – sourced from Boreal at $225/microscope– we have $900 set aside and these will be purchased before the end of this year
2. Projector for Gym – estimate came in at $20,000 + for the projector and screen – well over the anticipated cost because the distance is shorter so a more expensive lens is needed
* Kevin Dyck has applied for a Best Buy grant
* Kevin Dyck is seeking other quotes
* Stacey suggested a mount that can move the projector +/- 10 feet which may be a less expensive option
1. Robotics kits – Elsa purchased one but is planning to return it. She will buy 2 when they go on sale at Indigo again
2. Coffee/Tea – we had considered repeating this fundraiser again in May – members present were not in favour of this. Elsa and Hillary will look into whether parents can re-order online and whether the school will still benefit
3. Vesey’s – will generate $2300 profit; however, this will be less once classes are given allocations for their trips

It was suggested that next year SAC give families a plan for fundraising for the year so they can plan which fundraisers they will participate in

It was also suggested that parents might like to know what is on the wishlist so they know what we are fundraising for

It was suggested that we represent parent council at Open House (with T-shirts?) to increase our visibility and potentially recruit new members

1. Trivia night – update from Lion’s Club – Kathleen will investigate capacity/food/host/fee for kit- deferred until the next meeting as Kathleen is absent
2. Track and Field April 27 ( rain date April 28) Olympic Park – Hillary will confirm but she does not believe parent council volunteers are needed Thursday
3. Recording the Habits songs - Ridley College has offered their recording studio and services complimentary – next step is to schedule the time. The prices found online to print CD’s varies from - $1.02 – $1.98 (500, jewel case 2 pg, colour disc, 13 days)

A suggestion was to look into whether it could it be a download or on a USB

The goal would be for the graduating class members who have participated to get copies and possibly this could be a small fundraiser to go towards Leader in Me

New Business

1. PIC Symposia update – May 2 – Laura Secord Mental Health Fair

-Parent Resource Library – pamphlets with resources available – flow chart available on website to give links to resources – this would be a good idea for next year

-Me Day – tons of different activities to try new things – potentially an Action Team could take this on

-Strategies for parent involvement – table at open house, t-shirts for School Council members, sign up for volunteering, post agenda ahead of time, bring in more “experts” for topic of meeting discussion, SC members help at Kindergarten open house,

- Bag 2 school – textile collection, lost and found- distribute flyers around community, BBQ & ice cream truck at drop off times 3-6pm, ask thrift stores for waste

-Gratitude Wall

1. Pizza Day money we have $1000 in separate account –

A suggestion was to save it for Open House float – council agreed

1. Open House has been scheduled for September 20, 2017
2. Request for funds for test tubes needed in the senior and possibly junior grades – plastic will last longer and is more durable – Elsa priced them online $50/250, glass $80/72 – council approved the plastic
3. Request for funds for pop up shelters - needed for track and field, etc. – w/sides, 8’ or 10’ – the ones the school owns are broken - 10x10 with sides $150 - 280 - Cheryl Rosts has enough to borrow this week for track and field, but they are used many times throughout the year

This might be a good wish list item that families would donate – start by putting this out as a tweet to see if families will donate – one is needed, two or more is ideal

Branding was suggested (through a community donation) however Hillary shared that the DSBN is reviewing all logos

1. Request for $175 to help cover bussing for track and field – council was in favour of supporting bussing funds needed
2. Class rep roles – outline for next year – could permission forms be part of first day package – not discussed this time
3. Leader in Me - Is there a way to have a package about the habits and what we have done and what we are going to be doing – go home at beginning of the school year? Information that has been given to parents feels like it’s been a bit here and there. Thus we do not have a good collection of it all.

- Hillary agreed that this is possible and parents would find this valuable

- Hillary would like to have a Habits Tree painted in the lobby

- A suggestion would be to run sessions for parents on the Leader in Me content to put into practice at home

- Request for funding for Leader In Me “next steps” in August (typically chocolate bar sales supports leadership at Port Weller) – continue with this for next year – yearly license is going up to $2000 – will give access to online printables, resources

- this request is the last one for staff training – approximately $2500 – manuals over and above are $45/person totalling about $4000

Hillary’s suggestion was if council could pay for the trainer and the school will cover the manuals –

* Can be paid in September (invoiced after the fact) so Council can wait until we know about chocolate bar sales in the fall
* Could Nevada money also potentially be used
1. Volleyball uniforms – money also needs to be set aside for this – potentially Nevada money may be needed for this
2. Meeting is June – need to make sure this happens to be prepared for Open House in September; Elsa would also like to suggest summer meetings as well