

Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda

February 27, 2024

Introductions

Attendance:

- Jennifer McAllister, Jodi Fast, Kerri Tayler, Amy Peters, Stephanie Yantsis, Kevin Dyck, Robyn Chew, Melora Brewster, Mary Anne Groat, Elizabeth Murphy-Semple, Stephanie Brown

Mary Anne Groat visiting to speak on Indigenous Education support for DSBN

- At the school level so far: land acknowledgements, Indigenous Remembrance Day/Treat week in the fall
- Looking to add some learning to Earth Day Celebration
 - IDEAS: plant walk, water walk, think about ideas specific to grades, landscape of nations at Queenston Heights, lacrosse experience
- Left with Melora to talk to the staff about what would be appropriate for each grade level - leaning towards building the connection between Earth the students
- Earth week - April 22-26

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

February Wrap Up...

- Shake It Off Winter Dance - lots of smiles and fun
- Change your Name Day - huge hit with the kids
- Mid Year EQAO - Gr is almost done, Gr 3 is still writing
- Intermediate Basketball - Champions!
- Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ Chess Club - Ms. Chilcott
- Robotics - robotics challenge was beg of Feb - 4th place for Juniors

What's coming up in Port Weller...

- Junior Gymnastics Team - meet coming up after March Break
- Junior Basketball Team - just getting started
- Junior Chess Club - Mr. Dyck
- Spanish Club - getting started
- DSBN Writes
- STEM Expo - Gr. 5 Bridges, Gr. $\frac{7}{8}$ claws, Gr. 6 airplane launchers

- Student Teachers 1 - gr 5, 1 - gr 6, 1 - each 7/8

Coming Up in March

- Evening of Arts - April 18 - art on display or videos of dances, etc
 - PC supporting with popcorn, photo booth, doorprizes (Stephanie Brown), promote the student Shaw shows?
- Primary Gymnastics Club
- Mad Science Club & Club Rex
- Spring Flower Fundraiser - hydrangeas, daisies, herbs, hanging baskets
- Gym Backboard Painting - support to cover half of the cost \$1000
 - Tabled for now, looking into alternate ideas

2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie:

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

Current Balance at Feb 27, 2024: \$10,714.53

Poinsettias: Niagara College Paid - Profit from Fundraiser: \$254

Books: Inclusive Books were bought for the Library, full \$500 used

Ice Dogs: Funds in & out - \$2,448

Teacher Support: \$150/staff, claimed \$3,242 to date, so 21 staff?

3. Chair Updates:

Ice Dogs Game-

- 168 tickets sold

4. Fundraisers:

- Spring Ideas:

Mother's Day Flowers with Niagara College

Dance-a-thon Date: May __? Funds to go towards new playground

equipment

5. Initiatives Updates:

- School Council Funds: \$500 given by the DSBN to promote equity and involvement by more parents in school council, have ordered a mic to increase virtual participation, working on childcare - maybe for September 2024
- Earth Day: see above

- Shaw Play - Secret Garden & My Fair Lady
 - Information has been shared with staff and Gr 6 is planning on attending in June

Adjournment: Next meeting: April 9,2023

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