

Port Weller School Advisory Council Minutes
October 24, 2023

Attendance: Melora Brewster (Principal), Elizabeth S. (Chair), Steph Y (Treasurer), Patti J, Kristy P, Natalie F, Tony S, Emily A, Robyn C, Sarah J, Jodi F, Steph B, Julie R, Heather G, Kevin D, Kerri T

Principal Update- Melora

October Wrap up

- Update from \$150 teachers- some teachers have purchased watercolours, noise canceling earphones, classroom library books
- Tree trimming and bush cutting along the back fence completed- poison ivy removed
- Gardens have been landscaped and mulched- Grade 5 class helped to complete the gardens, along with other classes
- Jamie Groat visiting Junior/Intermediate Classrooms
 - Two students reading Land Acknowledgment on announcement each day- learned about the two row Wampum Belt
- PD Day - Belonging, Math/Literacy, Lockdown, and Lock and Learn Procedures-
- Harvest Play Day, Terry Fox, TMO Day/Week/School Assemblies
- EQAO Results: Above Ontario averages in all areas.

Reading Writing Math

Grade 3:	80%	68%	72%
Grade 6:	100%	100%	81%

- Spirit Day Information is coming soon for Black/Orange/Halloween- Parade for younger students and dance for Intermediates

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

Friendship Bracelet Club

- Organized by Mrs. Lyle and Miss Barrett

Coding Club

- Junior & Intermediate clubs
- Organized by Mrs. Alton, Mrs. Wood, Ms. Perrier
- Minecraft club

Drawing Club

- Primary students organized by Mrs. Noyes

Cross Country

- 12 Students went to the DSBN Cross Country Meet

Junior Football (soccer) Intramural

- Intermediate students organized and refereed a junior soccer intramural
- Coming soon is a primary soccer intramural organized by junior students

Intermediate Co-ed volleyball coached by Mrs. Venneri

- Start this week- The first game is on Wednesday. Junior Triple Ball is coming soon.

Coming Up in November

- The Cobbs Bread fundraiser to help support our Nutrition Program will start in November - information will be on School Cash Online.
- Remembrance Day
- Gr. 8 Day and Secondary School Open Houses
- Progress Report Cards and Interviews: **week of November 20-24**
- Student Teachers: **until December**

1. Treasurer Update: Stephanie

Opening Balance: \$10, 780.26

Current Balance: \$17, 838.33

Chocolate Bars: \$7, 678.65- (approx) \$4,600 = approx. \$3000 (**might actually be closer to \$2000 once boxes are returned etc**)

Fundraiser Prizes: \$484

****Profit in 2022- \$3, 800 and 2019- \$7,300****

Future Withdrawals: \$150 per staff by end of October, drawing tablets \$500, Gardening \$1,600 and \$500 for library books

Approximately: \$10,000- \$11,000

2. Chair Updates:

- Initiatives Updates: Front Gardens, \$150 per classroom- **end of October deadline**, soccer nets- **potentially a hazard and could be destroyed**, literacy curriculum resources - **to be**

discussed with Primary Teachers and we will revisit in November.

- Winter Wonderland Date: Friday Dec 8, 2023 Stephanie will lead the event again. Planning information will be shared via email with Council members. Parent volunteers will be needed. Melora and Stephanie will discuss the schedule and buddy system. *Note to ask for Mystery Bags to remain unsealed and NO nuts!*
- Ice Dogs Game- Elizabeth working on booking date in the new year preferably on a Sunday
- Indigenous Presenter/Artist- Melora reaching out for a list of DSBN approved speakers to book in the new year.

3. Fundraisers:

- Chocolate Bars Update: Patti Discussion about the decrease in participation due to the increase in up front cost. Google survey to be sent to families to get feedback. Considering options for next year after the survey. Patti will set up a survey with Melora to go home to parents.
- Poinsettias: Elizabeth to contact Seaway and Melora to contact Sunshine.
- Ideas? DSBN does not support Wine fundraiser, other ideas included McMillan's (cookie dough), CFX Valentines chocolate partnership

4. Other Questions/Concerns:

5. Adjournment: Next meeting: November 28