

Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda

September 17, 2024

Welcome to our first meeting of 2024/2025!

Introductions

Attendance: Melora B, Elizabeth S, Patti J, Emily A, Julie R, Krista M, Jodi F, Kevin D, Natalie F, Carly S, Kerri T, Robyn C, Amy P, Stephanie Y, Jennifer M, Joe & Tash F, Stephanie B, Jessica S

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

- Welcome Back- Start-up
 - New Staff in Primary
 - Ms. Otta - 1/2
 - Ms. Horth - 2/3
 - Mrs. Goldsworthy - 3/4
 - Ms. Hammond - K ECE position
 - First Assembly on Friday - will happen monthly going forward
 - JK numbers back up again
- Playground Update
 - All substrate updates have been done
 - Swings are removed on primary side, add dump trucks, shovels, pails, etc.
- Open House/Meet the Staff -
 - Tuesday September 24, 2024 4:30-6:30
 - Eat pizza together - 4:30 & 5:15
 - School Council - sign up for school council & playground committee & pop popcorn
 - Ice cream sales
 - Classes open for 1 ½ hours
- This month....

- Cross Country - Monday September 23 & October 1
- Int/Junior Soccer - Junior - Friday Sept 20,
Intermediate next week
- Flower Club is happening with Ms. Wood Gr. 6-8
- Rowan's Law Day - September 25
- Terry Fox Day - September 27
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30
- Next Month
 - Gr. 7 vaccinations
 - October 2 - school photos
 - October 10 - wild robot movie trip

2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie

Port Weller Public School - School Council 2023-2024			
Treasurer's Summary			
OPENING BALANCE - Sept 1, 2023		\$10,930.40	
Council Initiatives			
Initiative	Money In	Money Out	NET
Chocolate	\$7,766.85	\$4,969.19	\$2,797.66
Poinsettia	\$911.40	\$657.12	\$254.28
Winter Wonderland	\$3,302.50	\$2,620.16	\$682.34
Ice Dogs	\$2,394.45	\$2,448.00	-\$53.55
Danceathon	\$7,487.35	\$324.35	\$7,163.00
Spring Plant	\$2,048.20	\$1,680.00	\$368.20
TOTAL	\$23,910.75	\$12,698.82	\$11,211.93
Contributions to School			
Item	Amount		
Classroom Funds to Teachers	\$2,128.31		
Library Books	\$636.74		
Garden Funds	\$981.41		
EcoPark Walk	\$684.00		
Evening of the Arts Prizes	\$76.80		
DSBN - Meeting Camera, Daycare	\$300.00		
TOTAL	\$4,807.26		
BALANCE at June 30, 2024		\$17,184.93	

3. Chair Updates:

Last Year Council Year in Review

Community Events: Open House, Winter Wonderland, Ice Dogs Game, Evening of the Arts, Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Summer Shaw Performance (Secret Garden)

Fundraising: Chocolate Bar Fundraiser, Poinsettias, Dance-a-thon, Spring Flowers

Purchases/Contributions: \$500 towards library books with a focus on inclusion and equity, camera for Parent Council meetings,

landscaping costs for the Front Garden, some funds per teacher were claimed (\$150 to purchase teacher selected materials), funding for Indigenous Land Walk for Junior Grades, efforts to set aside funds for playground initiatives

Initiatives for this year discussed in May:

- Outdoor Initiatives: Quick Playground Update & Sub-Committee
 - Primary to come first, then Junior side
 - Melora to start getting quotes for Primary side
 - Sub-Committee to come soon - email to come
 - Grantham Lions interested in supporting
 - Reach out to Rankin & Seaway
 - Flyer drop to the neighbourhoods
- Niagara Fresh Market Update: Elizabeth
 - Started in June, it's an ongoing fundraiser 5% back to the school, code: portweller

4. Fundraisers/Events for 2024/2025:

- Apples & Fall Mums: Patti & Melora
 - Empire Apples, 1/2 of the price goes back to the school September 23-October 14
 - Mums to start asap
- Winter Wonderland: Stephanie B
 - Date TBD
 - No raffle this year
- Brainstorm possible ideas for new year: Poinsettias, Chocolate Bars(Feb), Dance-a-thon, Spring Flowers, Niagara Fresh Market, Professional Photos (Spring?), Krispy Kreme, Vendor Fair, Summer Carnival, Fairview Bowling, Food - soups, cookie dough, meat, Little Ceasars, Bottle Drive, Bingo

5. Elections:

- Chair: Elizabeth S
- Treasurer: Stephanie Y
- Secretary: Amy P

6. Other Questions/Concerns

7. Adjournment: Next meeting: October 22, 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
- Front Garden Landscaping

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