

Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda

April 9th, 2024

Introductions

Attendance: Stephanie Y, Stephanie B, Elizabeth M, Jodi F, Nancy F, Amy P, Melora B, Jen, Carrie B, Julie R, Robin C

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

- Evening of the Arts - April 18
 - Primary - Under the Sea,
 - Junior/Intermediate - Song, Sculptures, Dance
 - Shaw donated a door prize, sobeys donated drinks,
 - Selling ice cream- proceeds for kids to go on class trips
 - PC to support with supplies/doorprizes
- Earth week - April 22-26
 - Brad Howie - land based walk through Malcomson for Juniors - April 25 www.manoominlearning.ca
 - Books for primary classrooms that support Indigenous teachings and authors
 - both supported by PC
 - Alectra presentation to whole school
- Intermediate Badminton - tournament at the end of April
- Junior/Intermediate Chess Team - tournament at the end of April
- Mad Science - 4 sessions running with a waitlist
- Club Rex - coming up in early May on Thursdays
- Heritage Fair coming up - Gr 7/8
- Spring Flower Fundraiser going well
- Track and Field started - May 17 at Governer Simcoe and PW, regionals are end of May
- Rankin Run - details to follow
- Gr 8 Graduation - Thursday June 20
- Year End Trips are all planned - info to come
- Playground - still waiting on update, set up thermometer for donations?

2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie:

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

Current Balance at Feb 27, 2024: \$11,630.83

Additions since last meeting - \$916.30 in Spring Plant Sales!

3. Chair Updates:

Fundraisers:

- Spring:
 - Mother's Day Flowers with Niagara College is currently running
 - Dance-a-thon Date: May 13? Theme: Neon?
 - To Do: Envelopes, prizes, glow bracelets and decor (black light and strobes), poster, prizes - pizza party for highest fundraiser class, top seller draw, raffle for anyone that brings in donation
- IDEAS for next year: Niagara Fresh Markets 10% from first order, 5% future orders, professional photographs, host vendor fair, krispy kreme fundraiser, summer carnival - bouncy castle/bbq style

Events:

- **Evening for the Arts:** Door Prize Shaw Tickets from Stephanie, Hick's Family Donating a Prize, Elizabeth reached out the PAC, volunteers for popcorn machine, photobooth set up etc, silent auction for Arts Night - idea for next year (see above)
- **In the Round- April 26th-** Education Foundation of Niagara

4. Initiatives Updates:

- School Council Funds: \$500 given by the DSBN to promote equity and involvement
 - Camera purchased
 - Amanda from YMCA will be offering daycare
 - Meeting time/date added to School calendar/digital sign?

Adjournment: Next meeting: May 28

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