

# **Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda**

## **October 22, 2024**

Introductions

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

### 1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

October Wrap up

- IEPs are being worked on
- Grade 4 CCats - Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test
- PD Day - Staff worked on "Building Belonging", Math & Literacy planning
- 12 Athletes at DSBN Cross Country, Junior Rugby - 1st time @Port Weller, Intermediate Co-Ed Soccer - all did really well in competition
- Halloween - parade, treats and dance for Gr. 7/8

What is going on at Port Weller...

- Youth Counselor presentations happening in classrooms - geared to age/grade level
- WITS- Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help \*\*used as steps to work through disagreements between students
- Intermediate co-ed Volleyball(2 teams), Junior Triple Ball, Stem - Intermediate and Junior team, Robotics - competition coming up at Simcoe
- Popcorn- Gr. 8s fundraiser for grad sweatshirt, ceremony & trip

### Coming Up in November

- Progress Report Cards
- Progress Interviews
- Primary Screener- SK-Gr2 reading results provided at interviews

### 2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie

Opening Balance Sept 1, 2024: \$17,184.93

Current Balance: \$18,387.05

Funds In:

- Mums: \$686.60 (owe \$402)
  - 2022 total: \$1430
  - 2021 total: \$999
- Apples: \$575.75 (owe half back?)

Funds Out: \$177.12 - Popcorn Supplies and Tim's GC

### 3. Chair Updates:

Fundraisers Update for 2024/2025:

#### **Parent Advisory Fundraising Plan:**

October	Fall Mums/Apples
December	Poinsettias
February	Chocolate Bars
April/May	Spring Flowers
May	Spring Dance-a-thon
Ongoing	5% from Niagara Fresh Markets

- Apples & Fall Mums: Patti & Melora
  - Apples arriving Oct 30

- Feedback on Mums - not high quality, looking into other supplier options
- Fundraising Allocation: Elizabeth
  - 55-65% of fundraising to be allocated to playground
- Niagara Fresh Market Reminder: Elizabeth
  - Started in June, it's an ongoing fundraiser 5% back to the school, code: **portweller**
  - Poster at front of school, sign and November newsletter
- Winter Wonderland: Stephanie
  - December 13
  - Book fair happening at the same time
  - Penny raffle replacement ideas:
    - Snack shack
    - Open to more ideas
  - Teams meeting to come at a later date

#### 4. Other Questions/Concerns

#### 5. Adjournment: Next meeting: November 26, 2024

#### 6. Outdoor Initiatives: Quick Playground Update & Sub-Committee

- Melora Update with researched options
  - Included many ideas of natural options, sensory options & outdoor classroom ideas
  - Jacob Beam comparison - \$68,000 (structure & install is about 50/50)
  - Henderson Playground company - options around \$20,000-\$30,000 to replace what we currently have
  - Bienenstock Natural Playground -
  - Comparisons - Bogart Street Park (\$55,000 installed), Bell Park in Grimsby (\$55,000 installed)

- Fundraising Ideas:
  - Stephanie Y- Value Village
- Grants: Elizabeth
  - Tim Hortons
  - Canada Post
  - TD
- First meeting date: TBD, email to be sent to parent council and other interested parents from open house

## **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