

Port Weller School Advisory Council Agenda

November 26, 2024

Introductions

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

1. Principal Update- Melora Brewster

November Wrap up

- Progress reports, Primary Reading Screener for SK- Gr.2- results given at parent teacher interviews, and Interviews all wrapping up this week
- PD Day - Friday, November 29th - School Improvement planning, Language/Math seminars - geared to grade level

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

- Playground Committee Update
 - Meeting with Vendors ongoing to install similar structure on primary side
 - Will require installation of sponge groundcover to support accessibility
 - Fundraising initiatives scheduled for 2025:
 - Jan 17/18, donation of gently used household goods to the school on Jan 17. Delivery to Value Village for kick back on Jan 18. Notice school community going home last week before Winter Break

- Movie Night - February 21
- Silent Auction supported by the local community and each grade to happen during Evening of the Arts on April 16
- Food Trucks on site - TBD once more information is gathered
- Donation link on website active - looking into moving it to the home page. This will generate a tax receipt for contribution made
- Junior Boys and Girls Triple Ball ongoing, Gr. 8 Co-ed Team Tournament on Monday
- Student Teachers- Ms. Burns Gr. 5/6 with Mr. Dyck, one coming K1 with Mrs. Venneri to start next week, one coming with Ms. Alton Gr. 6/7 next week as well
- Robotics ongoing - Governor Simcoe- Junior/Intermediate Teams
- Winter Wonderland pairing - buddy connections established and Artwork creation in progress
- Junior Handball Intramurals - Ms. Wood leading

Coming Up in December

- Gr. 1-3 Trip to PAC December 2, Gr. 4-8 Trip Elf December 20
- Lockdown Practice - email notification going out to community beforehand
- Winter Wonderland December 13
- Scholastic Book Fair December 9-13
- Celebration Lunch December 18
- Primary Board Game Club - Ms. Goldsworthy to start in the coming weeks

2. Treasurer Update: Stephanie

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

Current Balance: \$18,432.30

Funds In:

- Apples: Total In \$1,269.00

Funds Out:

- Apples: Total Out \$648.00

Owed:

- Mums: owe \$402 still
- Playground: \$10,000 to move over from general fund into playground fundraising separate account

3. Chair Updates:

Fundraisers Update for 2024/2025:

- Poinsettias - on pause for this year
- Fundraising Allocation - 60% to playground, 40% general fund
- Chocolate Bars coming in February
- Winter Wonderland: Stephanie B.
 - December 13, set up on December 12
 - Book fair happening at the same time (Dec 9-13)
 - Will need to replenish shopping table
 - Penny raffle replacement ideas:
 - Snack shack
 - Friendship bracelet making station
 - Mystery Bags - info coming home December 2, back to school filled on December 6
 - Teams meeting - Thursday Nov 28 at 8 p.m. for volunteers

4. Other Questions/Concerns

5. Adjournment: Next meeting: January 28, 2025

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