**Port Weller Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

*March 23, 2021*

**Attendees:** Jason, Natalie, Jennifer, Jodi, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Patti, Jess

**Next Meeting:** April, 27, 2021

**Action:**

* Jake
  + Remind teachers final month to spend month
  + inquire about purchasing items for garden, monarchs
* Natalie to put a purchase order together for readers - budget $1500

**AGENDA:**

* Principal Update- Mr. Jason Clarke:

SOCA Pop Dance

* K-4 all participated…kids had fun
* Balancing the sound (music vs verbal instructions) was a challenge

Our Grade 5-8 Walker Living Campus Field Trips were super fun

* Kids had a blast building shelters, hiking and playing games!

Spirit Week was awesome!

* Theme Days and Trivia
* Trivia Tuesdays and Spirit Day Fridays
* Camo Day this Friday

Thanks Covenant Church!

* On Friday March 19 students enjoyed an ice cream sandwich treat and teachers received a handwritten card and a succulent plant as a gesture of appreciation for all the hard work they do and to let us know that they are thinking about us.
* Several classes have made thank you cards, letters, etc.

DreamBox Challenge

* 4 weeks (first 2 weeks focuses on time spent on DreamBox, second 2 weeks focuses on lesson completion)
* Both individual & class recognition
* Prizes – treat for class winners & math puzzle/game for individual winners

Return to In-Person Learning

* Have about 18 students looking to start in-person on April 19
* New registrations, Home Schooling, SIS, Virtual School
* No major reorganization necessary -no classroom opening, student moving or faculty hiring required

Library Design Update

* Mr. Thorpe has another meeting with School House to order furniture
* We ordered a cabinet to be built by our board carpenters…better value (school only pays for materials)

Student Census Survey

* Gr 7-12:  March 22-April 1 (done in class)
* Kindergarten-Gr 6:  April 6-30 (done at home with parents)

Autism Awareness Day (April 6)

* Wear blue to support
* Resources shared with staff today
* Mr. Neufeld creating a bulletin board

Door Wrap

* Kevin had some different ideas
* Large robust anchor centred, increase the amount of red, lose the “Welcome to Port Weller Public School”
* Include FINDINGTREASUREWITHIN across the bottom

Purchases

* New basketball net being purchased
* Section being removed from the playground as it has been damaged

* **Financial Update:**
  + Balance:
    - School Account - $13545
    - Nevada Account- $3083
  + Nevada account to be transferred over for leveled readers
  + Classroom funding - Classrooms are using the funds. (HP docking stations, virtual dance lessons, games, student resources, etc
  + Purchases - Walker funding, dance lessons
* **Fundraisers**
  + Scorecards - Sold 69kits, $345 going to the schools
    - Someone emailed for options for dietary options
  + Niagara College Flower purchase:
    - Hanging Baskets 10" - assorted - our price TBC
    - Fuchsia Hanging Baskets - approx. Mother's Day - our price $10 - we can sell for $15
    - Annual bedding plants (4") - approx. $3-$5 each
* **Purchasing:**
  + Prizes for Dreambox - approved
  + Contribute to the gardens - Jake to ask teachers
  + Picnic tables
  + More readers budget ($1500)
* **Notes:**
  + PIC – virtual presentation tomorrow
  + EMPOWERING PARENT AS CHANGE AGENTS:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 6:30PM - 8:00PM