

DCS Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday October 11th, 2022 – 6:30p.m.
~ Meeting Minutes ~

Attendance:

Sue Byers, Kelly Ireton, Melanie Shaw, Ashley James, Karla Graungaard, Jessica Richmond, Angela Bontes, Jessica Rainville, Stacey Ramsden, Shelley Murphy, Hollie Elder, Stephanie Hillier, Carrie Hopper

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Ireton welcomed the group.

2. Agenda Revisions and Approval

Motion to approve Agenda approved by Melanie Shaw; seconded by Ashley James; carried.

3. Revisions and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve September 13th, 2022 minutes approved by Jessica Richmond; seconded by Ashley James; carried.

4. Chair's Report and Correspondence

We will be purchasing Parent Council Insurance October 12th is the deadline for it. \$155.00 + tax. This is a must have.

5. Principal's Report

- Kids really enjoyed apple crisp day
- Staff meeting was held. Inclement weather packages will be going home for review. Same idea as last year. This work is for students to do at home on snow days.
- Scholastic book sale being held on Dec 5-9th. Should be able to make online purchases as well. Sue to look into.
- Will be having the gift room again this year with the teachers doing it. Dec 8-9 will be dates for dropping off donated items for gift room. Dec 14-15 is actual days for gift room. All funds will be going towards food cards/Walmart cards for those in need. More information to come in next newsletter. Parent volunteers welcome during the day.
- Holiday concert will be held around 1pm December 21st (snow date Dec 22nd).
- Forming another school safety Anti-Bullying committee again this year. Will need a volunteer to take over Erin's position. If interested, please contact Sue if you want to join. Also, on the committee will be 2 students and 1 teacher.
- Baseline assessments are being done for Math and Reading.
- 4/5/6 Created "The Welcomers" committee. When asked, only 85% of our students feel they belong. Committee is trying to find ways for the other 15% to feel they belong. Our goal is for 100% of the students to feel that way.
- There will be a Remembrance Day assembly.
- Sports are changing throughout the board. The usual family of schools event is more difficult due to lack of supervision and busing. If the kids get excited and interested in a certain sport it can be looked into getting a team put together and getting in contact with another school to have games. Want to introduce more sports that are not as competitive. More news to come on that.

- We didn't have enough girls interested to put together a girls' soccer team this year.
- Kate harvesting zucchini from our garden and donating to The Table

6. **Treasure's Report**

Updates spreadsheet of funds as email to everyone. We are to contact Sue about finance questions and she will contact Maria.

\$11,652.30 available to allocation.

Wood raffle is a separate account all together.

Nothing in the Parents Council minutes binder as to where the "magazine fundraising" money was for. Possibly for the yellow and black play structure?

Karla put motion forward to transfer \$928.84 of magazine money to playground; seconded by Ashley James. All members approve.

Discussion about transferring money from the \$14000 of general fundraising to the play structure. Decided to leave where it is for now until we know a final price/down payment etc. Once the money has been transferred to the new play structure account, it cannot be transferred back if not used.

7. **Activities and Fundraising**

- **DCS Parent Council 2022-2023 Election**

- Chair – Kelly Ireton
- Co-Chair – Jessica Richmond
- Treasurer - Karla Graungaard
- Secretary – Melanie Shaw
- Teacher Rep – continue to share responsibilities

*****Positions still available**

- Community Rep – _____
- Communications Liaison (New Position) 1-2 Members responsible for communication events/new/etc to DCS families, preparing Facebook posts for Nancy, Email list?, newsletter? – _____

- **Wood Raffle**

- Ideas for remaining weekends in October. Are welcome back at Independent and Canadian Tire. Giant Tiger?
- Hollie will call Foodsmiths
- Advertise in Newspaper?
- Perth Blue Wings game?
- Delivery will not be an issue. Two members have volunteered their husbands if the winner cannot pick up the wood. Parents council can look after the cost of delivering it to cover gas at the least plus whatever. Cost to be decided once we know who the winner is and how far it needs to go.

- **Improving our communication**
 - How can we as a group communicate on a more effective level. Emails are too confusing and too much for Kelly to have to keep up with.
 - Decided on a Private (parents council members only) Facebook group. Stephanie will get set up and get everyone into the group.

- **Donation to Learning Commons**
 - Motions put forward to donate \$500.00 to the Learning Commons for purchasing of new books or whatever needed. Approved by Jessica Richmond; seconded by Kelly Ireton
 - Sue said to hold off on money towards a smart TV as some projectors in the school are starting to go and could have to order multiple smart tv's, could possibly get a deal on ordering in multiples.

- **Police checks**
 - Sue handed out proper paperwork to those members as needed.

- **Fountas & Pinnell**
 - Guided Reading kits. At the school. Was purchased with school money and not shared with other schools. Almost complete.

- **FUNDRAISING Schedule of Events**
 - Jessica Richmond will create a calendar of events and post it to our Facebook group to help keep track of upcoming events and discussions.

- **Halloween Dance**
 - PC voted against this activity as time was not on our side. Next year for sure!

- **Custodians Hang Beehives**
 - Brandon will schedule a work order for lift to get beehives hung in Gymnasium

- **50/50 Draw**
 - Will start November 1st as per our lottery license.

- **MacMillians Fundraiser**
 - Postponing until the new year. Jessica Richmond will email and ask about spring delivery dates

- **Breakfast with Santa**
 - Tentative date December 16
 - How can we incorporate other holiday traditions and celebration in the gym as well to fit everyone's beliefs
 - Sue will reach out to Alia

- **Play Structure**

- Open ended with things like tic tac toe
- Want something we can fit as many kids on it as possible
- We need to commit to something and get it ordered
- Sue will ask Kevin who is getting prices and quotes for us if he could even log on to our next meeting to go over prices and share with us what information he has at this point so we can move forward.
- Costs are coming down
- Once we hear from Kevin we will decide if we want to have a separate meeting to sit own and pick a structure for sure and get it ordered

8. **Other**

9. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday November 8/2022 @ 6:30pm Drummond Learning commons