

DCS Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 – 6:00p.m.  
~ Meeting Minutes ~

**Attendance:**

Sue Byers, Kelly Ireton, Jessica Richmond, Melanie Shaw, Ashley James, Karla Graungaad, Angela Bontes, Shelley Murphy

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly Ireton welcomed the group. We would like to thank our special guest for being here with us tonight. Carole Dufort, our new trustee for our region joins us.

**2. Agenda Revisions and Approval**

Motion to approve Agenda approved by Melanie Shaw; seconded by Karla Graungaad, ; carried.

**3. Revisions and Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes approved by Melanie Shaw; seconded by Karla Graungaad; carried.

**4. Chair / Co-Chair Report and Correspondence**

• **New Lottery License Update**

- The new license is all ready to go. Just need a couple of signatures.
- Stacey had bench tickets made, Kelly made summer raffle ones
- Kewi Landscapes offered to front the cost of the tickets for the bench fundraiser
- License runs from beginning of March to the end of June
- At the end of June, we close lottery account and transfer to play structure account. Cannot transfer anything until the lottery account is closed.
- Township cheque has now been deposited

• **Burns Jewellers Update**

- Stacey and Jess met with Tom Burns.
- He has his own personal commitment to fundraise for us. He was once a student here at Drummond
- Will be doing monthly fundraising through his two shops (not under our license)
- We as PC members need to get his info/fundraisers out there to help promote what he is doing for us
- Bracelet draw was supposed to be the end of January. Do not have an update on that yet.
- At the end of his fundraising, Tom will make a donation to the school with funds raised.

• **Debrief with Carole**

- Concerns with the school's kitchen were expressed from Kelly and Jess. Sue said kitchen is inspected through Food for Thought and passed. New custodian starting. Will express concerns for extra cleaning and care to be done.
- Questioning what the policy with no food being allowed to be brought into the school (ie, no bake sales; had to make apple crisps here at the school

could not make them at our homes and bring in) when we see other schools in our area having bake sales. Sue said the policy is still in effect (with no change from COVID) to reduce the number of touches coming in on food from home.

- Jess and Kelly shared with Carole what we have been up to this year with our fundraising, bussing issues etc. Know that we can go to Carole with any concerns/questions. Was wonderful to meet and have her join us tonight!

- **Other**

- Would it be possible for Nancy to email out our monthly PC newsletter to parents (not everyone is on social media). We are thinking mid-month as to incorporate a small section to cover a quick debrief of what we discuss at our meetings. Maybe get more interest from parents to come and sit in on meetings and get involved.

## 5. **Principal's Report**

- A new FA has been hired. Starts February 17<sup>th</sup>/23
- We need more registries! So far only 4 new kinders are registered for next year. Current enrollment is sitting at 89
- Jungle Sports is booked up until next year. We were hoping to get them in. Should we go ahead and book them for next year? \$4100-4600 to have them here for the week. They can change things up throughout the week to accommodate different age groups/grades
- Really looking for activities to bring into the school to get the kids together. Getting bussing is extremely difficult. Hoping to maybe have someone come to the school to teach the kids curling. Really just want to get something that everyone in the school can do.
- Cultural advisor coming into the school 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. Going to be doing some Metis dancing and singing and dot art. Something for the kinders right through to grade 6.
- Intramural's going on. Basketball 2 days a week for the 4/5/6 class
- 2/3 class wants to start an UNO club on Wednesday's
- We have a walking club that started strong but numbers are dwindling
- Grilled cheese on Wednesday's going well
- TV is up, but still waiting on an electrician to come in and hook it up.
- Two of our student monitors are moving on. Ms. Linda and Ms. Smith. We are happy for them but will miss them very much. So we do have those two positions open
- Welcomers made their giant heart. It is hanging in the hallway ready for students to sign. They have also made and hung posters up to help students feel more like they belong, as we only had 85% of students say they feel like Drummond is their "second home". We want 100%!
- Camp out day was fun. Might do it again but structure it a little differently
- We have a student working away on his Cavanagh Truck. Using recycled materials, old computer parts, big plastic piece for windshield. (Melanie offered to get some paint for him)
- Shelley been doing Real World Learning. Been finding fun ways to teach/and for kids to learn math. They will be selling Candygrams on Valentines Day. Maybe run a canteen in March with the end idea to raise money for the school to go towards paying for

something to bring all of the students together while learning in math (ie. jungle sports etc.)

- Shelley also working on hosting a math night for 4/5/6 students and their parents. Working on ways to make math more approachable with different teaching strategies. Would be a great opportunity for parents to come in and learn and see how the kids are learning in a fun way. It should be fun as kids are really starting to feel excited about math because they're learning it in a way that makes sense to them. Thinking around Feb.23 for the math night.
- There is math help at the beginning of recess every day but one
- Kinders virtual information night towards the end of February. Lisa working on putting a video together.

#### 6. **Treasure's Report**

- January 31/2023 total \$25,506.57
- \$11,416.72 play ground (plus the \$5000 from township)
- \$14,090.30 in general fundraising account

#### 7. **Activities and Fundraising**

- **Sassy Bean Coffee Co Fundraiser**
  - Kelly's sister-in-law brought forward the idea of a coffee/tea fundraiser
  - Woman run organization
  - Can proceed all on line or paper order forms. Kelly will ask if we can combine the two
  - Earn between \$5 and \$8/bag. No min orders
  - Nice idea as this is local
  - Kelly will get more information and bring it back to the next meeting
  - Would be a great fundraiser idea for around Mother's Day!
- **MacMillians Fundraiser**
  - Money from this fundraiser to go to something other than the play structure
  - Physical education/gym equipment would great
  - Need new activities for the gym
  - Tchoukball, axe throwing, snowshoes
  - Jess received the forms in the mail today. Will get them to the school in the next day or two and get them sent home with students
  - March 6th need to have everything entered, so March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for families to get forms and orders back into the school.
  - March 27/28<sup>th</sup> orders delivered to the school to be picked up
- **Newsletter – rotating job?**
  - At the beginning of the year, we mentioned a position for someone to do with communications. Would anyone be interested in this or helping some months
  - Let Jess know if you want to help or take over doing this
  - Melanie offered to do up a small section of "From our last meeting" a few things we discussed
  - Karla questioned about being careful posting financial details. Are we allowed to do this? Sue will look into.

8. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 6:00pm Drummond Learning commons