

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

**Attendance:**

Sue Byers, Kelly Ireton, Jessica Richmond, Melanie Shaw, Angela Bontes, Ashley James, Karla Graungaard

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Jessica Richmond welcomed the group.

**2. Agenda and Minutes Revisions and Approval**

Motion to approve Agenda and Minutes approved by Jessica Richmond; seconded by Ashley James; carried.

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

• **Misc. Info**

- Kelly updated PC binder
- We received \$385 from the Drummond Center Woman's Institute as they are closing and donated it to us towards the play structure.
- Kelly brought in bee bags and stickers from A.Offman for gifts or whatever.
- Have all money for lottery in before last day of school. Get money and stubs into Kelly by June 21<sup>st</sup>

**4. Principal's Report**

- Cancelled Rocks & Rings due to too much going on. Just not enough time. Will book them to come next Fall/Winter
- Some construction going on at the school over the summer. Work on the old windows. Work to be done in the kitchen (mentioned last month) Carpet in sensory room. Removing pea stone from old portables. Parg foundation in places where needed. Sign at front of the school. Dig through the grass and remove old paved sidewalk. New gym door. Construction end date is end of August. Play structure end date is September 30.
- 1/2 class moving into daycare room. 3/4 will move to the 1/2 room. Pamela Rowsell coming in for the 3/4 class. Jennifer Russell in for the 5/6 class. 1/2 position will come up in August. Leaving we have Jessica, Terri, Maggie and Shelley and Kate.
- Kids raised \$550 for DCS family in need
- The 1/2 class planted the garden. Zucchini, squash and pumpkins planted. Don't have a watering schedule yet but hopefully no problem between Daycare/custodian/Sue to water over the summer. Sue will talk to Erin to see what her plan/schedule is as well for the garden over the summer.
- Popcorn sales went well. Somehow Heather took the money for the popcorn out of PC account by accident to pay for popcorn upfront. That will get put back in. \$237.30.
- 3/4 room furniture is ordered. Junior sized desks, TV, reading desk, standing desks.

**5. Treasure's Report**

➤ **Current Balances:**

General account: \$33,859.58 (plus 237.30 from popcorn) of that the  
Playground account: \$25,611.12 and \$9865.60 general funds to be allocated

- School does have access to Heather over the summer if we need to transfer anything.
- Jess put forward a motion for an estimated approval for \$400 for Pink T-Shirts for September. Approved by all members.

## 6. Activities and Fundraising

- **Who/Where draw for Summer Raffle?**
  - Deakan and Lucas to do the draw this time. Friday June 23 here at the school in the yard where structure to be installed
- **Grade Structure for 2023/24; will it affect before/after program and room**
  - The 1/2 class will be moving in the current daycare room. Kevin will need to move out for the school year. He will still be able to use the room but cannot keep/store his stuff in there. We asked that he gets his own sports equipment instead of using ours.
- **Update from project manager for play structure**
  - Kevin is coming Thursday. Has an end date of Sept 30/2023. They have all the requirements of what we want. We are waiting on the final say of the structure. Currently don't have anything to show us on that yet. Sue to get monthly updates on it.
- **Gifts for departing staff**
  - Jess will look after. Will post something on our Facebook page.
- **Pick a date for Pizza week – Perth Pizza**
  - June 21-25
- **Schools' role in assisting parents for SLP etc.**
  - The first step is always parents. If the parent(s) notice there is a speech problem, that is something they would look into prior to school. When the student is enrolled in kindergarten in their welcome package is information for Learning Express.
  - Language Express is where they go when they are starting school or prior to school
  - The part way through JK Language Express send the information to the school. Once they have sent it to the school board the board looks at it decides if it is language or is it articulation. If its articulation, LE will also send it to Kids Inclusive. KI then sends the school and parents a letter saying your child is on a 2-3 year wait list. That is usually for severe articulation. If it's mild and teachers are concerned teachers have an SST meeting and they decide if they are concerned about speech. The board would then see if it has improved, if it does not it gets sent back to another SST meeting and a speech referral is done. If they are getting speech support from Kids Inclusive that means it is an articulation and that is separate from the school board. The school board looks primarily at language, not speech articulation.
  - PC members who have been through this with their children feel it needs to be clearer to parents. How can we help parents?

- Have Kim Lee from the board be here at our meet the teacher nights to talk to parents who may have any concerns and help give them guidance to what steps they need to make.
- Next year it is all changing. Referrals will come through the board and LE will take a step back.

**7. Next Meeting Date:** Date TBD Drummond Learning commons

For September Meeting:

1. Parent Council Insurance
2. Halloween Night
3. Meet the Teacher Night (Ice Cream Truck or Beavertail truck?)