

DCS Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday September 12, 2023 – 6:00p.m.
~ Meeting Minutes ~

Attendance:

Sue Byers, Jessica Richmond, Melanie Shaw, Angela Bontes, Ashley James, Karla Graungaard, Jessica Rainville, Jenny Russell, Leigh Meagher, Karen Crawford, Carole Dufort

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Richmond welcomed the group & introductions were made. Election forms were handed out as well as vulnerable sector checks.

2. Agenda and Minutes Revisions and Approval

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

3. Chair Report and Correspondence

- Meet the Teacher. Pink Tt-shirts are ready to be handed out to the students tomorrow night. Wasn't feasible to get an ice cream truck/beaver tails. Just too much money!
- P.C. Insurance. We get an email reminder. We will do it once we get the email.
- P.C. notice to parents. No more newsletter. Just a quick monthly break down to be posted.
- Speech assessment. Currently working on student assessments right now. All students on the list from last year will be included as well and receive assessments this year.

4. Principal's Report

- * Message from Mrs. Russell *5/6 room (last years 4/5/6) Real World Learning made for a very nice room. Flex seat options, standing work stations, technology all available in the classroom. It's a nice calm classroom. Focusing on getting to know each other and everyone is getting acquainted to our new space.
- Smooth start up to our school year. Lots of new staff.
- Currently doing dibbles (literature assessments), math assessments.
- Walking club starting soon. Cross country is starting.
- Garden is doing great. Lots of pumpkins. Student estimates and thinking about what to have students do with the pumpkins (baking etc)
- RWL 4/5/6 last years back sections of classroom not completed. Working on completing that.
- 2/3 class to get lettuce growing
- 3/4 class are in the early stages of RWL projects
- Still hoping for an outdoor rink to pull through with RWL. There are a lot of steps for that.
- Sports are changing within our board
- We do not have enough students to have a boys and girls team for sports. Intermural sports will be happening same as last year

- Play Structure is ordered!! No install date yet. Plan is end of September. No final all in price yet. Approx \$26,000. We still have lots of funds available to look at add-ons down the road.
- Halloween will be a black and orange day. Tuesday dance during school hours for the kids. Staff will have treats to give to the students. Will have to ask individual teachers if it is ok as a parent to send treats in for their class.
- Red & white for Terry Fox run Friday September 22nd
- Orange shirt day on Oct 29th
- Dot and stripe day this Friday.
- New Librarian starting week of Sept 25th
- 90 students this year
- Plan on getting together as a school once a month in the gym. Minute to win it games/slideshows etc.
- Look into doing Feature Fridays again or something like it for parents and community to see what is taking place
- *Message from Carole* Excited and happy to see all of our renovations that were completed this summer. Really enjoys seeing how PC members have worked together to accomplish all that we did last year. First board meeting is tomorrow. No talk of school closures so that is reassuring.

5. Treasure's Report

➤ Current Balances:

General account: \$7,458.06

Playground account: \$38,258.67

**We should think about moving the \$4000 back to the general account from the playground account that we transferred over last year to confirm step for play structure once the play struct has been paid in full.

Discretionary Funds

➤ ***Motion put forward***

\$500 Library

\$500 Principal

*\$275/ classroom *note* use this for the first half of the year and then come back to us in January to review if need more.*

\$100 Lanark Era subscription

**PC Insurance will be paid when we get the email.*

Motion approved by Melanie Shaw; seconded by Jessica Richmond

6. Activities and Fundraising

- **Halloween Fun Night**

➤ Voted against this. Too much to organize and not enough time. Students are having a dance party during school hours

- **Sprit Days**

➤ Divided up amongst the teachers. Each teacher has a month they are in charge of for spirit days.

- **Apple Crisp Day**
 - Thursday Oct 5th we will come in for prep @ 9:30. Actual Apple crisp day will be Friday October 6th. Sue will look into any student gluten sensitives.
 - **Spring Family Fun Night**
 - A Family Fun night would be great to have in the spring to bring families into the school as a celebration of our new play structure. We can have a BBQ, games etc.
 - **Zoom link for future meeting**
 - Should be able to incorporate a Zoom meeting link/Teams and have it on the smart TV in the library for meeting in the future for those who are unable to attend in person for our PC meetings
 - **Little Creasers**
 - Jess going to look into us doing this fundraiser in November
7. **Next Meeting Date:** October 10th/2023 6:00 p.m. in learning commons