

DCS Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday November 7 2023 – 6:00p.m.
~ Meeting Minutes ~

Attendance:

Sue Byers, Jessica Richmond, Melanie Shaw, Karla Graungaad, Karen Crawford, Stephanie Hillier, Ashley James, Leigh Meagher, Angela Bontes, Lisa McLenaghan, Michale Fyke

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Richmond welcomed the group.

2. Agenda and Minutes Revisions and Approval

Motion to approve Agenda and Minutes approved Jessica Richmond; seconded by Melanie Shaw; carried.

3. Chair Report and Correspondence

- Township approached Jess and asked if we need any more money towards the play structure. Jess did up a letter and explained where we are at. Could potentially get another donation from them in the future.
- Muskoka coffee fundraiser flyer was in out mailbox. Handed out to see members thoughts if this is something we are interested in
- Little Ceasars pick up is tomorrow. Nancy will call Jess when its been delivered and Jess will let volunteers know.
- Kids stress online course begins next week. Jess can send the link to sign up if anyone is interested.
- November 16th 4H Registration opens. If any parents looking for an activity for children ages 6-8.
- PIC meeting, can we get a virtual link? Sue will look into.

4. Principal's Report

- Lisa spoke and proposed the idea of a storage space (shed) for the outdoor classroom. Stuff has been damaged in the past. Wondering if PC would support this space. This is a long-term vision. Could possibly combine with RWL and have the kids do a video to propose for the board to approve. Once Sue and Lisa get back to us on the particulars on the outdoor classroom, we will discuss costs and fundraising plans then.
- Lisa also spoke of scientist in the classroom wondering if PC would support having them into the school as long as they are back in the classrooms in person and not virtual still. Approx \$250/class.
Karla put forward a motion to approve funding scientists in the classroom; Jessica seconded.
- Kindergarten carpet replacement costs were \$250-300)
- Currently doing roots of empathy in the kinder class
- Was decided at the staff meeting the money raised form LC fundraiser will go toward instruments such as pail drums and hand bells
- Holiday concert Wed. Dec 20th TBD

- Grades 4-12 asked to fill out a school climax survey. We are asked to assemble a team. 1 student from the 3/4 class and 3 from the 5/6 class and Sue and Miss. Telford. Headed to Perth on November 23rd for results.
- Volleyball intermural start soon
- Blue Jays Baseball with Ms. Telford starts soon.
- Received EQUAO results. At provincial standard or above for reading for all. For math Grade 3 is a 2+ to a 3 and grade 6 was a level 2.
- Informal survey to see how kids are feeling at the school. 96% feel they belong. 89% feel they are happy when they're at school. 86% feel they are cared about. Its hard to come up with questions kids understand. Maybe we can work on coming up with new questions for next year.
- The entire school is going on a field trip November 29th to the museum of Science and Technology. This was just finalized today.
- Lisa and Nancy are organizing the gift room December 13,14 &15

5. Treasure's Report

- General account \$9165.06
- Play structure \$38696.67. The \$438 donation from Perth Pizza has been deposited
- Little Ceasars brought in \$4376. \$1644 of that is what we raised for musical instruments. The difference was withdrawn for Little Cesars.

6. Activities and Fundraising

- **Healthy Lunch**
 - Jess contacted Foodsmiths to get an idea of costs and availability of purchasing the lunches directly through them pre made and ready to serve. We have to be 100% peanut free. Not sure that getting it through them will meet school board requirements with meat etc.
 - Jess will pinpoint a rough menu
- **Gingerbread House Contest**
 - Michale is here and suggest a ginger bread house contest and she would provide winning prizes. Would have to be made at home and student can bring them in to get judged the same day as our breakfast with Santa.
- **Treat before x-mas break?**
 - Can we bake at home and bring in treats to give out to student from PC? DO we want to do this?
- **Food Bank? Angel Tree?**
 - Each class is taking on a different cause in Lanark County.
 - Not many in our school in need. Gift cards are always welcome. Could we use this as an incentive for the kids to raise funds for the families and PC could match it and cap it at \$100/family?
****Motion to approve up to \$500 collaborative that will match the RWL effort by Jessica; seconded by Melanie**

- **Gift for our Santa**
 - Santa is confirmed. Can we pass a motion for what we will get him for joining us. \$50 gift card and a Drummond hat.
****Motion to approve \$50 for Santa gift card by Jessica; seconded by Melanie**

- **Stranger Danger Workshop**
 - Lisa Carroll runs the Port Elmsley program. Would be a great opportunity for an after-hours workshop. 2-hour workshop for students and their parents.
 - Would be a great thing to do in the new year. Maybe in January/February? We would have to book the school for community use.

- **Hydro**
 - Jess contacted Hydro about getting them to come to the school like they did at Maple Grove. They do a demonstration. How can we fit this into the kids learning? ½ class could use it with part of their community helper's curriculum. Maybe we could have the police come too! Sue will check with Katie to see where she is at with that curriculum.

7. Next Meeting Date: December 5th/2023 6:00 p.m. in learning commons