

DCS Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday October 10 2023 – 6:00p.m.
~ Meeting Minutes ~

Attendance:

Sue Byers, Jessica Richmond, Melanie Shaw, Karla Graungaad, Karen Crawford, Stephanie Hillier, Pamela Rowsell, Ashley James, Leigh Meagher,

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Richmond welcomed the group.

2. Agenda and Minutes Revisions and Approval

Motion to approve Agenda and Minutes approved by Karla Graungaad; seconded by Jessica Richmond; carried.

3. Chair Report and Correspondence

- Apple Crisp day was a huge success. Was so nice to see all the kids and everyone in the gym all together
- Jess sent an e-mail to Carole today with some input to put forward from PC parents and other school parents regarding school starting time change.
- Little Ceasars kickstarted. Forms all went out. Need volunteers for the day pizzas arrive to hand out.

4. Principal's Report

- Introduced Pam our 3/4 teacher, here from Pakenham. She is really enjoying her time here so far. Kindness coupons in the classroom. New furniture. Table points for tech time on Mondays.
- Put forward the idea for the funds raised from Little Ceasars could go towards some musical equipment for the school.
- Lisa is asking for a new carpet for her classroom. If she could find one at a good price would parent council consider putting money towards or purchasing. When they come up with a price or idea of cost parent council will discuss how much to put towards the carpet. Sue said we would split the cost with money they make from hot lunches.
- Met with learning partners. Have some work to do as a school. Not quite at grade levels. Been using UFly. Learning team ready to go. Looking at making some small groups.
- WITZ meeting Friday. Meet twice a year. School acceptance program students are on.
- Soccer intermural going on
- Emma Telford starting. Health and spec ed
- October Halloween Dance. Orange and Black day. 5/6 class putting games together.
- Remembrance Day approaching. Assembly being planned
- Fire Prevention week happening
- No new news on the play structure. Still looking at an install date
- With sports parents are welcome to come coach but still need teacher supervision

5. Treasure's Report

- Nothing new to report at this time.

6. Activities and Fundraising

• Student Council

- Miss Kayla mentioned having a student council and she could help run it. Could help her with spirit days and the decoration she does etc.
- Sue suggested maybe we could combine a student council with the Welcomers

• Party on the Playground

- PC is all on board for a spring Party on the Playground. Maybe in May. After school hours. BBQ or Foodtruck, face painting, freebies to sell. Need to get our insurance put through in order to do this. Would insurance cover like a "touch a truck?"

• Breakfast Club or Healthy Lunch Option

- We want to bring back breakfast club or look after a day for a healthy lunch option provided by parent council. Breakfast club is hard with bus times. The school provides snacks for the kids and they have a snack time. So we agreed maybe to think about a day for providing lunch to the students. Bagels/veggie/milk/wraps?

• Milk Orders

- Wondering why we don't we have milk orders included with the hot lunch orders anymore.
- There was a lot of waste. For the waste, it's a big expense for parents. Maybe we can incorporate milk with our healthy lunch option.

• Daycare in the School

- Concerns wondering if there is another room it can be in or is it causing difficulties with the 1/2 class having to share a room? Is there enough storage for the daycare or the class?
- There were a few hiccups at the beginning of the year but they have since been worked out and everything is running smoothly. There is no other space for them in the school. Our program was passed in our school because that classroom meets all the requirements (washroom, A/C). All is going well and working great.

• Breakfast with Sants and a Spirit week

- Breakfast with Santa set for December 15th
- Can PC put on a spirit week the week of Dec 18-22.
- A week long of spirit days is difficult for teachers and students. It can be difficult for students to concentrate. Agreed on possibly a spirit day every Friday in December instead. Eg. Holiday socks/ Holiday shirt/hats etc

7. Meeting Date: November 7th/2023 6:00 p.m. in learning commons

