

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

In Attendance: Keri Glowacki, Rhonda Williams, Carla Shepherd, Hayli Stock, Leila Mehrabi, Fatemeh, Ben Hall, Kimberly Vassilopolulos, Ezbon

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of agenda and previous minutes: Hayli motioned, Kate seconded, all in favour
Minutes: Kate motioned, Kim seconded

Welcome

Message from School (Rhonda & Keri)

Land Acknowledgement (Keri)

1. Learning Conferences

- Very positive, had the majority of families attend. We have now met with at least 95% of families
- Book fair was a huge success, raised \$1000 for books

2. Project Kindness

- Gift cards are rolling in, we are looking at supporting 20 to 25 families right now
- Keri and Rhonda will now sort the cards and figure out where support will go
- The cards and envelopes will go to project kindness families and through a community walk in the neighborhood

3. Fees

- We are lucky to have many of our fees covered by council, operating at only a small net loss of \$1900
- Secured funding for Trickster Theatre through a grant

4. School Development Plan

- Same focus as last year, expanding on the work that was done last year – improve understanding of student's math and literacy
- Work on this plan is typically done on Friday afternoons
- For next year we will collect data and fine tune our strategies
- This year we are shifting our well-being focus to look at culture and cultures within the school
- Circle days also relate to this

5. OurSCHOOL Survey Grades 4-6

- One of the surveys we did at the beginning of the year was the OurSCHOOL survey, done across the CBE. Focuses on well-being factors that impact learning
- Most of our results were on par with Canadian norms
- We rated high with sense of belonging and interaction with staff
- Areas of growth were culture, seeing culture represented at school and learning about other student's cultures

6. Circle Days

- Next circle day will be Tuesday: focus is on winter traditions
- Start with a whole school assembly and then will go back to circle groups to do an art activity

7. Internal Perception Surveys Grades K-6

- Surveys with both staff and students
- Create the survey within the school and are targeted to WDS goals
- We did them at the start of the year and will do them again at the end of the year to collect data and see how we did
- Align with literacy, math and culture goals

8. Report Cards

- Typically we share report cards in January but the strike has delayed these
- Report cards will go live Feb 24

9. Fun Lunch Volunteers

- Having trouble finding volunteers for some fun lunches
- Gets tricky to keep food warm with two lunch hours

10. Practice Lockdown and Fire Drills

- Had a fire drill on Tuesday, about 4 minutes from the switch pulled to back inside
- Will have three more drills after Christmas
- We usually have two lockdowns – October one did not take place, next one will be in January

New Business:

11. School Council Engagement Grant \$500

- Get this grant every year, last year we bought maker space enhancements
- This year: we need to figure out how to spend the grant
 - Ben: could we combine this with other council money for a larger impact? Ask Shane, **discuss at next meeting**. Needs to be spent by the end of the year.
 - Kimberly: has used some materials that are useful for early learners, she can look into it and bring info to next meeting

12. Events

- **Lacrosse Residency**

- Jan 19 to 23
- **School Concert Feb 26**
 - Will be in the morning 9:30 to 10:30, flyer going out tomorrow
 - Theme: celebrating kindness
- **Gymnastics**
 - Beginning of March

Parent Council: New Business

1. Financial Report

- Society: in process of finalizing annual reporting, council is \$11,941.75

2. Fundraising Updates

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3. Current Initiatives

- Casino
- Loveable Labels
 - Hayli: did the school receive a cheque? Ask Shane.
- SWAG
 - Hayli: Website is set up, unsure if people are ordering and if there is much coming in. Ask Shane.
- Healthy Hunger
 - Volunteer reminders are helpful – the one fun lunch Sign Up Genius is difficult because you cannot search for a particular fun lunch.
 - Monthly reminders asking for volunteer sign ups – January 7 and 21
 - Hayli did drop off heat bags – they were used last time and they worked well
- Skip the Depot
 - Carla: Sitting at \$737.68 in the account, Carla will cash out in January

4. Upcoming Events

- Dance April 2
 - Christa will organize. Hayli has some items she purchased for the Halloween dance, we can use them or leave them until next year.
 - Discuss budget for dance in January.
- Movie license expires Jan 22: Motion to spend \$600 for a new license Hayli, seconded by Kim. All in favour. Tentative date is January 29.
 - Look at someone to hold the ACF movie account next year, Kimberly can do this – Kate to provide her with the info
 - Look at using a Healthy Hunger vendor to bring in dinner that night. Pappa John's is used at other schools.
 - Sell movie night tickets on Healthy Hunger site? Hayli will look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Parent Association Meeting minutes posted to the Parent Association page of the school website