

École Confédération
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021-6:00-7:00

Virtual Teams Meeting



Minutes

Welcome & Call to Order 5:56pm

Present: Lindsey Murray, Amanda Hague, Barkev Poadian (VP), Mary Beth Stapleton (Chair), Carolynn Hudson (T), Tiffany Plant, Karley, Andrea Smith (P), Kirsten Yanover, Althea Allen

Introductions & Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- Kirsten Yanover

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- Motion to approve minutes of October 20, 2021
 - 1st Lindsay, 2nd Tiffany passed

Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

Treasurer's Report

- General Fund -\$10, 797.49
- \$857.24 for masks
- \$9940 includes the deposit of Harvey's fundraiser check (\$1030.95)

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report – 1st Amanda Hague, 2nd Lindsay Reynolds (Passed)

Use of Parent Engagement Funds provided by the Board

- \$500 for the Parent Engagement Funds, we have used it in the past to purchase cups for Glenhyrst
- We have been using cups for students who have forgotten their water bottle
- Can we continue to reimburse for paper cups?
- Last year purchased a coffee urn and carafe

Motion to use \$200 from Parent Engagement Funds to purchase disposable cups for student's use- 1st Lindsay Reynolds, 2nd Tiffany Plant (Passed)

- Question about what funds were used for in the past- typically was used for Welcome to Kindergarten but due to COVID have not been able to do this, Glenhyrst is another area funds were used
- Will bring back to January meeting to decide on remainder of funds

Correspondence (School Council Mailbox or Other)

- Nothing urgent

Fundraising

- Purdy's Chocolate orders – volunteers needed
 - Doing well, so far sold \$7, 325.95 and profit of \$2069.46
 - Need volunteers to help sort
 - They generate the dates, if they have a later date, maybe we can get it sent out by Dec 3rd. Not sure when delivered or how long it will take to get sorted. Our original pick-up date was Dec 10th, but we did allow for early pick up if available before that day. A lot of stuff is gift wrapped and have a sticker (barcode). They do provide a way of organizing the items that we can follow.
 - The less time items are in the school would be better because some items do have nuts, just reduce the chance of student contact with the nuts. But packages are sealed.
 - Send a school messenger to remind parents
 - Volunteers just need COVID screening, need to wear a mask and provide their names for contact tracing
 - December 2nd at 4:00- Carolyn, Amanda, Kristen, Lindsay, Tiffany, Beth
 - Crew for Curbside pick-up Dec 3rd- 4:00-7:00 Althea, Amanda, Lindsay, Beth
- Fundscrip
 - Balance- \$397
- Mabel's Labels
 - Balance -\$34.09

Staff survey items for Spending Fundraising Money

- Carolyn got survey out to staff. These were the results:
 - I. Replenish sports teams' uniforms and phys. ed, we have already done equipment replacement
 - II. Risers for current music room, they are multi functional
 - III. Partner with Core school to assist with a project that they need help fundraising
 - IV. Disc golf baskets for students to use outdoors
 - V. Headphones for our 5 classroom tablets

- VI. Library learning commons refresh (\$10, 000-\$15, 000) this would be a shared expense as there is some grant money for anything that attaches to the wall. So, we would be responsible for furniture, flooring would also be covered by the grant, iPads for green screen (our cost).
- goal is to make our library accessible for different types of activities, flexible seating, interesting, use of technology
 - Discussion: What would be the #1 from teachers, teachers has not voted on these items yet
 - Disc golf may be an issue with highway, uniforms do get used a lot but only by some students (there is plan already to replenish these), the library everyone uses
 - priority should be what benefits most of the children in the building
 - is there a deadline for those grants, the next step would have someone from facility to come over and look at the space, there is some money that can be used towards this so school council would only have to put in some money towards this project
 - this would not be started till fall the earliest
 - would need a committee to decide on the pieces to put into it, would like someone from school council to be on the committee to have a voice
 - can't get the grant unless we are committed to put the money into it
 - field trips-the money has been set aside for that this year, can't take students to a place where mandatory vaccinations would be in place, this will limit opportunity for field trips this year, likely will not use up all the money in that fund
 - \$7500 from School council
 - can look at another fundraiser and if it is target to something, people will also see how fundraising money is being used
 - can wait till January to make a monetary commitment, will know how much we fundraised from Purdy's as well

Motion: to allocate \$5000 to go towards the Library Learning refresh-1st Tiffany Plant and 2nd Lindsay Reynolds

Vote: 5 in favor 1 against **(Passed)**

Check out Jarvis Public School and their Library commons

<https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/community-support-enhances-jarvis-public-schools-learning-commons-renovation>

- Will add something to Facebook page for the Mabel's Label and Fundscrip for Christmas and winter clothing labels

Spirit Wear

- Will create a website for ordering, will be using the full colour logo which we have not used in the past
- can use it as fundraiser and proceeds could go towards replenishing the school jerseys
- is black available, these are just mock-ups so we can request other colours, but gold is a different option
- would not be continuous, would be an opening date and closing date, shipped to the school
- add the toques to the offerings
- launch in January- to Family Day weekend

Grand Erie District School Board New Strategic Plan

- Refer to Board website
<https://granderie.ca/learnleadinspire>
- New Vision: Learn, Lead, Inspire
 - focus on equity, inclusiveness, culture of well-being, access to learning

Principals Report

- Volleyball tournament at Tollgate Monday
- New Armour Stone and Trees planted where portables have been removed (outdoor classroom)
- Beaver Computing Challenge-University of Waterloo (jr/int):
- The Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC) introduces computer science to students. It is designed to get students with little or no previous experience excited about computing. The BCC is a problem-solving contest with a focus on computational and logical thinking. Questions are inspired by topics in computer science but only require comfort with concepts found in mathematics curriculum common to all provinces.
- Photo retake day Monday, Nov. 22
- Dance workshops
- holiday greeting card project (partnership with St. Joe's)
- school spirit days planned for every day the week before the holidays
- hot lunch planned for Dec. 14-LaBottega

Adjournment & Next Meeting 7:23pm

Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2022

Future Meetings:

February 16, 2022

March 23, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022