

Dufferin Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday December 14, 2022

This meeting was conducted virtually via Teams

Present: Carling Mitchell, Erica Lapage, Farzana Kausar, Gord McCreary, Lauren McDonald, Mike Long, Rachael Kruger

Regrets: Brittany Cole, Daniel Pickersgill, Saina Tokedon, Natalie Walker

Reading of the land acknowledgement.

Acknowledgement of November minutes

November meeting minutes were acknowledged via email and a motion to pass was put forward. Lauren MacDonald seconded with 8 voting members in favour via email.

E-mail motion by Carling, to fund the refreshment stand at the Christmas Concert was seconded by Frazana and passed via email.

Principal's Report/Financial Report

- Financial: current bank balance \$7647.64 includes poinsettia fundraiser profits (\$1122.93)
- Bank balance does not include the cost of Pizza Day (\$400) but it does include pizza orders for Jan-March 2023
- Tutoring program up and running and at full capacity now. One DECE running tutoring before school and after school in smaller groups.
- Lots of excitement at the school with trips to BCI to see Frozen, with some performances from our students.
- Tinker trucks in tomorrow to run programming for science for kindergarten and gr.1's
- Organized chaos came in for the gr.8's using power tools in the gym to create wooden toolboxes
- Chess club had a visit from the Brantford chess club, organized by M. Zylstra. They were so impressed with the skill and interest of the club; they have volunteered to return and help support further chess learning with presentations and coaching.
- Trying to bring fun into the next week of school with daily spirit days
- Dance next week will have opportunities for all grades, at different times, with appropriate activities or dancing
- BINGO next week as well
- Concert Monday night of next week as a "rain date" in case tomorrow turns out to be an inclement weather day
- Guest speaker at our school recently called "Colour Blind" and as part of that series, there will be a Zoom workshop for families in January on Jan. 17. Flyer and newsletter to come from Mme. Smith.
- CPIP grant update: heard back from grant administrators that both projects can't be listed on the same application, as we had submitted two. It was requested that the choice of project to apply for needed to be indicated and resubmitted as soon as possible, so as not to miss the

deadline. Andrea made the decision, on behalf of the school and parent council, to move forward with the kindergarten shed and continue saving for the sound system and projector in the gym.

Teacher's Report

- Lots of clubs and sports going on right now
- Knitting club meets twice a week, beginners with Mme. Bailey and advanced with Mme. Macoretta
- Intermediate volleyball (boys and girls) has finished, they did their best and played hard in their tournaments
- Junior volleyball fought hard through 6 games in a single morning to win 2nd place in the tournament
- Basketball tryouts have begun with M. Zylstra coaching the junior and intermediate boys teams and Mme. L. Smith coaching intermediate girls
- Chess club has been meeting frequently to practice and has had presentations from the Brantford chess club. They local chess club has a few members who are volunteering to come in and teach the chess club regularly now, they are thrilled with the interest shown by Dufferin students.

Fundraising Committee

- Poinsettia was a great fundraiser
- Up and coming: big box fundraiser (greeting cards) – looking into as a possible fundraiser for the new year

Social Committee

- Funding refreshment table (hot chocolate and rice crispy treats) and manning the tables to wish happy holidays to the Dufferin family community

Open floor

- No new business

Next meeting discussion

Wednesday, January 11, 2022