

Dufferin Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 6:30pm on Teams

Present: Gord McCreary, Andrea Smith, Alanna Haughton, Daniel Pickersgill, Lauren McDonald, Farzana Kausar, Erica Lapage, Rachael Kruger, Catherine Hébert, Carling Mitchell, Mike Long, Natalie Walker

Regrets: Stephanie Morris, Brittany Cole

Land Acknowledgement: *Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples who reside within Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.*

Acknowledgement of Minutes & Motions

April DPC minutes approved, seconded by Natalie Walker, with 7 voting members in favour

Motions passed from last meeting:

- Approval for up to \$1500 for kindershed
- Approval for \$3800 for the jerseys
- Approval to spend \$100 on snacks for the kindergarten orientation

Principal Report: Andrea Smith

- Jerseys have been ordered
- Welcome to Kindergarten on May 25th
- In lieu of t-shirts, they'll have a coupon for food for the year-end celebration
- Fire drills and lockdown drills this week
- Alice in Wonderland is next week – ticket sales remain open on SchoolCashOnline
- EQAO for Grade 3 (last week of May) and Grade 6 (first week of June)
- Grade 8 Graduation is on June 22
 - Looking to sponsor award and present
 - Gord to present with the same expectations as last year, \$50 Indigo gift card has been voted on in perpetuity
- French Book Fair is on until Friday
- Produce Express fundraiser, with proceeds going towards the snack program, was extended until the end of June

Financial Report

- **Balance: \$12, 979.56**
 - Cheque for jerseys (\$3778) hasn't come out, pizza day hasn't come out (\$400, roughly) and staff appreciation lunch hasn't come out
- After the jerseys, balance will be \$9178.36
- **CPIP**

- October 2022 Minutes are where the motion for the CPIP was originally passed; *Motion to submit the CPIP Grant application to include the PA system with the current quote of \$14,170.19 and the kindershed, with an estimated cost of \$10,000, with the option to consider either/or if total funds are not available*
- The cost for the shed: \$7000, roughly
- Sound System:
 - Long & McQuade's quote - \$5, 862.72 with installation
 - FM Audio - \$14, 000
- Facility Services cannot move forward with the project until they have three quotes; FM Audio (need to ensure the quote will be honoured as it has been more than 30 days, Long & McQuade, looking for a third company)
- **Action:** Facilities is pursuing a 3rd quote.

Teacher Report: Alanna Haughton

- Sports Update from Mr. Z
 - Chess Tournament – big wins!
 - Badminton – great successes!
 - Golf Team – tournament May 19
 - Track and Field – May 23 (at Tollgate with Confederation)
 - Ball Hockey – May 24, 25, 26
 - Jerseys – Mr. Z says 'thanks!'
- Spring clean-up to be determined (late May, early June)
 - Inquiry from Natalie Walker – there are several places around the perimeter of the schoolyard that require some attention (underwear, sanitary napkins)
 - Andrea will look into this and connect with custodian to ensure there are eyes on this
- Alanna will continue to remind staff about the funds available per student (\$10 each)
- Inquiry from Lauren MacDonald – has the sum been removed from out account?
 - Andrea: Yes, it was at the beginning of the year

Fundraising Committee: Presented by Rachael

- Harveys Night – Wednesday May 31st
- Dominoes Night – waiting to see what is available, Rachel will follow up at the end of the week

Communication Committee

- No update

Pizza Committee: Carling

- Students continue to come down to report that they should have pizza but they're not on the master list
- Inquiry from Andrea – if the deadline is too close to the date of distribution then we can look into this -- it takes 3-5 days for the orders and accounts to process

- Sounds like it might be a misunderstanding as parents might have missed a day but Carling ensures that the student has a lunch and/or provides pizza accordingly – it doesn't sound like it's the same students every time
- Carling cannot commit to supporting regularly next year
- Carmen Grier has offered to support with Stephanie Morris and Carling Mitchell

Social Committee – End of Year Celebration - Presented by Carling

- **JUNE 15th**
- Quote from Ashley's Bouncy Castles for the exact same package as we had last year
- \$1347.00 (includes taxes and set-up) with a 50% deposit required to book
- Andrea and Carling have chatted about asking for a toonie per child (cash) to help offset the costs but they're open to discussion
- Council agreed that it should be a free event for families
- Carling has contacted the ice cream truck from last year, waiting to hear back
- Strodes can come to facilitate a BBQ - \$5 hamburger, \$4 hotdog, DPC to purchase drinks and chips to accompany – Craig from Strodes will be connecting with Carling tomorrow
- Mme. Rochette looking to do face painting and freezies again this year
- Carling **motioned** to pay the full amount \$1347.00 to Ashley's Bouncy Castles, Natalie Walker seconded, motion passed with **11 votes**
- Inquiry from Lauren MacDonald – can we utilize the remainder of the parent engagement funds and put it towards the Ashley Bouncy Castle?
 - Carling – we previously discussed the idea of putting the remainder towards the vouchers that will go in the kindergarten night bag
 - Andrea – it's easier to have a lump sum rather than smaller amounts so we can put the remainder towards the Ashley's Bouncy Castle

Social Committee - Kinder Night - Presented by Carling

- May 25th from 4-5pm
- Looking for volunteers to facilitate the DPC table and recruit new members
 - Volunteers: Natalie Walker, Erica Lapage, and Rachel Kruger
- Mme. Farrow will be present as a representative from the snack program with some snacks
- Timbits will be available for new students and families

Lunch Box App – School Cash Online – Presenting by Natalie

- Lunch Box App through School Cash Online
 - Organizes and consolidates dates and order history
- <https://share.vidyard.com/watch/Qw44KAnh2iLvQTGmrWZipf?>
- Sounds like can customize the vendor and restaurant
- Andrea to investigate within the school board to see if this is something we can move forward with
 - Follow-up email:
 - *Hi everyone; I wanted to everyone know that I followed up on the Lunchbox program with business services today. Lunchbox is a company that was purchased by KEV, and is*

therefore income generating for KEV. After review of the additional fees and costs associated with the program, a decision was made centrally that GEDSB would not be offering the program. At this time, it is not an option available to us.

Open Floor

- Lauren: Was Mme. Simmonds successful with the tech grant?
 - Alanna: Unfortunately, not. We received a letter thanking for the application but they weren't successful but now knowing it exists means they'll apply for it next year
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch – order sheet has been received and Lauren will receive master sheet on Friday
- Alanna: Mme Coretti posted in the DPC Facebook group – looking for anyone with sewing expertise to support the Alice in Wonderland costumes, please reach out to Monique Coretti if you can help
- Gord: We're approaching our final meeting of the school year – June 14th
 - After 11 years involved with council, and 9 of those years as chair, Gord will be stepping down but will remain as a member.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm

Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a12rJ_PglD9DBI91zGpx1t7z_tetfDkELKmEPZpo1fKY1%40thread.tacv2/1665023854648?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f4e5b749-8fd9-48fe-b056-79815a973799%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2220414f00-1c94-4c72-84c1-f19bfdae0c14%22%7d