



School Council Meeting – September 27, 2023

Members Present: Shelley Beatty, Jim Cottam, Lyndy Carter-Legere, Megan Lynn, Tyler Rud, Krystyna Brooks, Stephanie Roberts, Casey Stewart, Ms. Wood, Ms. Sellar, Rebecca Ruuska, Brittany Reifenstein, Alicia Melady and Kim Sinko

1. Start Time: 7:05pm

2. Approve Agenda

- Alicia First; Megan Seconded; all in favour

3. Standing Agenda Items

3.1. Principal Update:

- 382 students – a large amount of students graduated and a smaller group registered for kindergarten (last year's enrollment was 402)
- Sadly due to decrease in enrollment we lost an ECE and EA
- New Staff: Ms. Stratton – VP; Miss Riddick – grade 4 teacher; Ms. Temple – JK/SK; Ms. Smith – grade 3/4 and awaiting a new AM prep teacher
- The building is in relatively good shape for being 50 years old; south wall is starting to deteriorate on the outside – Facilities is aware
- Pride of Place Grant was applied for last year – fixed up 2 bathrooms, a new flag pole mechanism and one other improvement
- Plan to work with school council on a combined effort to improve the Learning Commons area
- SGG came in 2nd place for the battery return – earning a cheque for \$2500
- Hot lunches will begin in October; pizza and pasta (new)
- Math Achievement Plan – there will be a math coach in the school once per week working with students, teachers and classes

3.2 Teacher Representative Update

- Welcome Ms. Sellar and Ms. Wood to their new role on School Council
- Senior Boys Baseball lost in their tournament; Senior girls won 2 games and lost 2 games
- Terry Fox Run is happening on Oct 6
- Orange Shirt Day will be acknowledged on Friday Sept 29

3.3 Community Representative Update

- Not able to attend the meeting; appreciated the Lion's support at Meet the Teacher



3.4 Treasurers report:

- Aug 2023 ended the school year at \$21, 410.85 in the account
- raised \$12,710.08 in revenue in 2022-23
- 2022-23 Expenditures totalled \$6,763.23
- 2022-23 total profit from fundraising events is: \$10,063.35
 - Grilled Cheese Profit = \$3,812.06
 - Spirit Wear Profit = \$106
 - Fun Fair Profit = \$4,503.92
 - Other Fundraiser Profits - Meet the Teacher, Krispy Kreme, Flora's, Mabels Labels = \$1,641.37
- put \$2,026 back into the school for Grade 8 Graduation and Division Funds (2 divisions applied and received)
- Rough budget being developed for 2023-24 being worked on and will be reviewed next meeting

4. New business / discussion

4.1 School Council Positions/Elections

- Nominations
 - Co-Chair Nominees – Shelley Beatty and Brittany Reifenstein
 - Secretary Nominee – Stephanie Roberts
 - Treasurer Nominee – Kim Sinko
- Motioned by Megan; Seconded by Lyndy and All in Favour

4.2 Treasurer Motions and Yard Maintenance Expenses

- Motion by Kim: To Roll up Accounts into the general account to start fresh again
 - Seconded by Krystyna; All in Favour
- Motion by Kim: To allot \$1048 for Grade 8 graduation
 - Seconded by Casey; All in Favour
- Yard Maintenance Discussion
 - Contractor did a fix over the summer without permission on two concrete fillings and one basketball net – cost of \$4300
 - Slides have a \$2000 fix required to add a handle to the top because it is out of code
 - Jim is following up to understand if the code changed vs something was missed when initially installed; who should be responsible to pay for it

4.3 Meeting Time/Childcare Connection

- Meetings will be Wednesdays at 7pm
- Motion by Kim: To provide and pay for a babysitter for the children of those attending school council meetings
 - Seconded by Brittany; All in Favour
 - Note – Ms. Sellar said her son is certified and able to do the job if needed

4.4 Insurance

- Motion by Shelley to purchase Board offer insurance to cover and protect School Council and it's events
- Seconded by Tyler; All in Favour



5.5 Fundraising

- Will look at starting a fundraising committee
- Current fundraisers being evaluated
 - Grilled Cheese Day – YES – led by Kim
 - Krispy Kreme – YES – led by Brittany C – happened at Meet the Teacher; will look into again for next year
 - Flora's Pizza – YES – Shelley will ask Crystal to run it again
 - Country Meat Packers – YES- run by Brittany C, Brittany R and Krystyna
 - Ideas: Bulbs/Flowers/Hydrangea sale in Spring; Big Raffle where we team up with local community group such as the Lions

4.6 CPIP

- Will evaluate if we can apply for this along with our Learning Commons Grant focus – Alicia to lead evaluation

4.7 Spirit Wear

- Would like to run before Christmas; the sooner the better
- Will mention folks can come into see sample sizes if needed
- Shelley will talk to Meghan Smith

4.8 Fun Fair Date

- Suggested to consider a Friday date due to impact on kids in school the next day
 - Will ask Lions
 - Considering sending a Google Forms questionnaire to see about what date is best – Thursday vs Friday

LEARNING COMMONS GRANT Discussion

- School Council is ready to work with School to apply for the Learning Commons Grant – board is aware it will be happening
- Board will cover the portion for any items that are bolted down – paint, flooring, etc
- School Council & School will cover the portion for anything not bolted down – tables, chairs, tech, white boards, etc
- We can start buying furniture and the space renovation will follow since it will take a bit longer with the planning and coordination
- Considering creating a subcommittee to oversee this
 - Teachers, parents, council members
 - Alicia has volunteered to oversee the subcommittee as she has past experience with her old school's Learning Commons reboot
 - Other members interested include: Megan, Tyler, Ms. Sellar, Ms. Wood, Brittany R
 - Idea to create a flyer advertising that this is the School Council focus and what fundraisers we will be using to fund it
 - Idea to create a tracker poster similar to what is being used with Terry Fox Fundraising

Other Notes

- Cashless Fee has been reduced to 3.5% from 7%; the board is paying half of it!
- Alicia will look at doing a school council write up for the newsletter including a minutes summary
- Jim will be posting the minutes on to the board website



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Next Meeting to be held **Wednesday Oct 25 at 7pm**

Meeting Adjourned at **8:37pm**