

Paris Central School Council

March 26, 2024

1. Welcome
2. Confirm minute taker – Nancy Maher
3. Agenda approved
4. Review and approve previous minutes – no formal minutes available for approval
5. Business from previous minutes – none
6. Chair's Report
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Great Canadian Grain Race completed over 5 weeks. \$148 raised plus all the food items collected for the snack program
 - ii. Fundraiser carnival day – arrange for 2024/2025 school year
 - iii. BBQ in the fall combined with meet the teacher night – tentative date of September 17, 2024. Chrissy is looking into booking Lions Club or the Legion to supply BBQ.
 - iv. October pumpkin drive – local farm sells pumpkins, baked goods, hot cider at school – before school hours. Jamie looking into this item
 - v. Walters Flower Voucher fundraiser will kick off on April 5th. The funds for this will go towards the general funds of School Council
 - vi. Ashley's restaurant is offering to run a subway day. She will need to get onto the Board's approved vendor list first. Ashley is looking into this.
 - vii. Ball drive – donation of new school yard balls to the school (i.e., soccer, basketball, rubber dodge balls, whiffle balls)
 - viii. The school council is considering purchasing the Square as a method of direct payment for on-site fundraisers since the Board does not permit cash handling at the school. Some concerns were raised about reliability due to internet connection. No decision was made at this time.
 - b. Hot lunches
 - i. Subway and La Bottega alternate months as follows:
 1. March – subway
 2. April – La Bottega
 3. May – Subway
 4. June – La Bottega
 - ii. The schedule is dependent on other events happening in the school.
7. Principal's Report/School Improvement Plan
 - a. School Improvement Plan
 - i. Teachers focusing on enhancing and assessing 'student thinking.' Encouraging students to show their thinking process.
 - b. April 8th is solar eclipse. The board is providing students with glasses, which will be sent home shortly.
 - c. Grade 8 grad trip. Some items are pending approval. A letter with more details is coming. Latha to follow up with Shannon to see when meat from fundraiser is arriving.
 - d. Learning Commons Renovations

- i. Board attended and took measurements and provided 2 potential designs
 - ii. Teachers reviewed plans
 - iii. School providing \$6,500 and the Board providing rest.
 - iv. Renovations begin after Victoria Day weekend
 - v. School would like to purchase \$5,500 portable smart board but can't at this time
 - e. JK/SK Play Area
 - i. Mrs. S had Scholars Choice look at the area of the playground where the JK/SK's play and provided two quotes:
 - 1. \$5,700 for a variety of portable play structures (2 messy kitchens, sandbox, sensory wall).
 - 2. \$12,000 for the above plus a variety of custom-built sensory walls (percussion wall, water wall, growing wall, painting wall). This will involve repairing a section of the existing fence and wooden boards below the fence. This work order has gone into the Board.
 - 3. The School Council agreed to spend the \$5,700 from the Playground Committee Trust Fund for option #1. Project is still waiting for approval from the Board.
- 8. Teachers Report/Student Council
 - a. April - Scientists in the School
 - b. Badminton tryouts have started
 - c. Ball hockey is coming up
 - d. End of April – Brantford Classic Run
 - e. April 9-11 – Drumming clinics
 - f. May 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten event
 - g. May 1 – Wrestling tournament
 - h. June 4-5 – Grade –7 & 8-year end trip
 - i. June 24th – Grade 8 Graduation
- 9. School Funds
 - a. Account sitting around \$3,500 but \$1,500 is for subsidizing Scientists in the School
- 10. Playground Committee Update – no longer required
- 11. New Items – none
- 12. Adjournment
- 13. Next Meeting – May 28th