

Parent Council - September 29, 2015

NOTE: Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Oct 26th at 6:00 in the library

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Karen MacPhail, Tina Sweeney, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Kim O'Brien, Jenn Phillip, Tammy Belliveau, Andrea Stampf, Juli Peers, Sara Styan, Lori Peebles, Joe Lepold, Ana Cabral, Kelly DeCoppel, Maragaret Koreman, Stephanie Ross, Kelly Wildi, Janet Kawecki, Nicole Wells, Sherry Davidson

Call to order - Karen MacPhail

Previous Business: Family Fun Fair - We made \$100, which met our goal to at least break even for our first year. We look forward to running the event again in the Spring.

Proposed date: June 2

Principal Report: Joe Lepold

- Joe is a retired principal - He will be here during Bryan's absence although he can stay no later than November 30th. He is unsure of the exact date of Bryan's return.
- This is his 7th school since he retired
- He has noticed how caring and energetic the staff is at Jean Steckle

- Events/Teams: Running club, Boys Soccer, boys football, girls Field hockey, Intramurals during most lunches even with the current job action climate
- Ms. Maggs will still do relaxation Wednesday in the library at first nutrition break

- Current Population = 812 as of today
- They reorganized a few classes, but do not have to add another portable at this time

- Fire Drills - they have completed two already with around a 2 and half minutes evac. time

- Parking is still an ongoing issue - there were two by-law officers here today to try to deter vehicles from stopping in the wrong places. Sherry and Joe will continue to be a presence in the parking lot to try to train drivers

VP Report: Sherry Davidson

New Staff:

- Sue Laking has been hired to help Sue in the Office
 - Sarah Mattingley is part time in the Office
 - New teachers/ECES include: Corrin Clarke, Amanda Matessich, Jessica Tilt, Roxanne Wolff and Lisa Zehr
 - LTOs Include: Natasha Bruce, Tracy MacLauri, Vanja Vasic and Christine Saloman
 - New EA: Rob Sutton
 - New ESL Andrew Cairns

- Photo day - Oct 16th - Teachers can not help collect money - with parent support they could still do Photo day on the 16th

- 5 volunteers would be needed to make this work,
- Forms and money don't come to school until Oct 16th, Forms will go home on Oct. 6th
- Parents volunteering: Kelly, Ana, Lori, Helene, Karen, Sarah,
- This way families will get pictures for Christmas

- Vaccines - Gr 7 students receive HEP B vaccine and Gr 8 girls receive HPV vaccine
Nov 17th is the first date, three more for each grade

- Kindie Vision Screening will happen Nov. 20th and Dec 1st
Parent Volunteers could be useful to help stuff the kindie bags with the letter of permission

Further Updates from Joe:

School Sign - Site plan has a place for a sign, we would need city approval to go ahead with the installation of a sign - the electrical conduit is there - we don't know about the actual wiring though

Slides and climbers are still allowed by the board- we would need to problem solve where such items would be built. Joe will bring the names of a few companies to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board has not updated our account information from last year yet (it will be done by the end of September). We have a few commitments still pending to pay for. We know we have some money left over from last year. Helene will have a more detailed report prepared for next meeting. In the meantime we won't approve any major expenditures this month.

New Business:

Job Action: this results in communication to parents and students being difficult for parent council since teachers can not aid in any communication about fundraising

Discussion around the pros and cons of using School Days (online system for collecting money and forms) followed - Sherry will look into it as an option for next year.

-Currently the office staff is doing a fabulous job adapting to the impact the job action has had on the school community

Move-a-thon: is already booked for Friday Oct 30th

- Oct 5th is the promotional assembly - 9:00 am - 4 volunteers - to hand out forms needed

- Sarah, Ana, Karen, Kelly Decoppel

- Oct 30th - teachers can supervise but can not participate

Goal is to raise money for two more projectors for the Kindie rooms

Thank you for last year's accomplishments - Karen will include what we raised last year in the letter home

We will need volunteers for the day of the dance, as well as for stuffing forms ahead of time

Karen will look into having company count forms into class size bundles

We will pre-sell glow items to the kindie classes

Food Fundraising:

Hot Dog Days:

Nov 12th

Dec 4th

Jan 15th
Feb 12th
March 11th
April 22nd
May 13th
June 17th

- Pizza Days will occur every Monday - Forms will go out when fundraising letters go out for move-a-thon
We will aim to start pizza service in November - Gr. 8 students can help serve/give out pizza in order to earn money towards their gr 8 trip
- Milk will be delivered every day by grade 8s - We will sort out a plan as to how to run the program

Special Meals:

- Dec 18th - Boston Pizza
- March 24th - Subway
- May 27th - TBA

Facebook Communication: Sarah is going to use facebook page for parents who are interested in helping with events - Jean Steckle parents group on facebook already exists. She will set up an additional facebook group for just parent council

Movie Night:

Nov 27th - 6:30 - 8:00/8:30 depending on movie time - perhaps a holiday themed movie
We can get Halloween candy to sell on the night of the movie
Joe has new information about Criterion and our ability to charge for the movie - he will pass it on to Karen for next meeting

Spirit Wear: Karen will approach the company to sell spirit wear - measure and sell on the spot for parents on the night of the Movie Night. We will sell same sweaters as last year as well as pink and grey this year. We will also try to get him to offer ladies contour shirts.
We will place our order for volunteer shirts with him as well - they will be lime green with the sting logo on them.

Storage for Parent Council: Kristy has cleaned out an area for us in the gym for Parent Council to have shelves to store all of our supplies. Karen and Helene will look into purchasing the shelves

2017 - Is Canada's 150 Birthday - start thinking of ideas....

Banners will be purchased for the Gym - we will order back to the year we opened.

Elections:

Karen MacPhail was nominated and elected to continue to stand as Chair
Kelly Wilde was nominated and elected to continue to stand as Vice chair
Helene was nominated and elected to continue to stand as Treasurer
Stephanie Morris was nominated and elected to take over the position of secretary
(Thank you to Kim O'Brien for her service in this role for the past two years)

Sarah was nominated and elected to continue to stand as the Volunteer/Fundraising Chair

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Nicole will post minutes on school web page and tweet out any parent council info

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