

School Council - October 27, 2015

In attendance: Helene Chatterten, Tina Sweeney, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Kim O'Brien, Jenn Phillip, Joe Lepold, Kelly DeCoppel, Kelly Wildi, Sherry Davidson, Nicole Wells

Call to order - Kelly Wildi, 6:01

Karen Macphail has moved and as such has stepped down as chair of parent council. Kelly will be chairing the meeting tonight.

Principal Report: Joe Lepold

- Job Action - even with current situation, extracurriculars have continued over the past month - starting tomorrow (Wed. Oct. 28) ETFO will ramp up actions and all clubs etc. that they have been running will stop
- Thank you to parent council volunteers who have stepped up to help with photo day, move-a-thon and food orders, it is much appreciated -these events would not have happened without the parent volunteers
- Letter went home today in regards to the progress report -it has been postponed refer to the letter if you have questions
- A lot of staff have already communicated with the parents of students with whom they are concerned
- A few schools around the county have experienced student demonstrations or protests in reaction to the teacher job actions, Joe is prepared in case students at JSPS choose to participate in such actions
- All weekend events using the school have been cancelled as a result of custodial job action (i.e. Huron Heights Community Assoc. Weekend Activities)
- Joe's last day as of right now is Nov 6th, he doesn't know if it will be extended or not

VP Report: Sherry Davidson

- Move-a-Thon schedule is all set -Classes are slotted in throughout various times in the day, the gr. 8s have the longest slot in the last part of the day
- School Days program will be implemented starting next year, all forms, money, permission forms will be processed on line, training will be made available in the spring for JSPS staff
- Pictures will be in sometime before Nov. 23rd (which is picture retake day) - Volunteers will be needed to hand out the prints when they come - Sherry can also use older students if necessary to help stuff/hand out

Treasurer's Report:

- The board has still not updated our parent council account
- \$22 735 (Approx) was in our account, but spending from last year has not been moved
 - \$6100 (aprox) for chromebooks has not been moved out
 - \$4000 for the two projectors has not been moved out
 - \$4000 for home reading was not moved out
- This leaves about \$8000 left in our account
- We will eventually know after hot dog days and move-a-thon money comes in what we have made so far this year

Consideration of Agenda:

Nicole:

- suggested looking into the creation of a parent council guide book
- the guide book would outline the roles of the group and potentially a code of conduct
- Nicole is going to work on pulling things together from some schools who already have this put together and bring a working document to look at next meeting

Sherry:

- recycling issues - the suggestion has been made to consider implementing boomerang lunches
- possibly school council could send a message home about recycling
- Discussion followed about the pros and cons of the program - and having the kindergarten classes either involved or not
- Decision made to consult Kristy (custodian) about what she would like to see happen and for Sherry need to consult with staff to get a consensus on their wishes
- Of the parents present 5 were in favour, 1 was partially in favour and 2 were opposed
- We will readress this discussion after the job action - no decision has been made at this point

Kelly

- it's important to have a parent council newsletter to school community to let them know what we have raised money for and what our fundraising goals moving forward are going to be - Steph made one two years ago, she can make another one when we've decided what information we would like to go on it

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising:

- Money for the move-a-thon has been committed towards the purchase of two projectors for Kindie rooms (\$4000) (this will put our total purchase up to 4 - 2 last year, 2 now)

Discussion followed about the list of fundraising suggestions for 2015/2016:

- Sign - (\$30 000) vote was taken and passed to table sign for out front of school as priority for now, perhaps we could look at it again in another year.
- Playground - no space, we would have to take out the play items current in place, which we don't see happening, currently playground equipment is not an option
- Buddy Bench is being tabled for now as Bryan was looking into this
- Discussion about having a "buddy" school to fundraise for a lower income school was brought up- it could work in conjunction with Random acts of Kindness - Sherry will look into the logistics of this - we would also have to see what kind of needs a school might have or we could give to a specific charitable organization ie) a mental health organization, the food bank, or a school in Africa etc. , Decision: We will try to hold a function or a special event in the spring for a "giving back" fundraising initiative
- the additional projectors for kindie rooms will be a focus/ project for next year

Small items approved:

- Volunteer shirts were approved at a previous meeting (Helene will order from Spirit wear guy - cost TBA)

- wrist bands for field trips (approx \$100) approved - Helene will look into purchasing
- Donation towards graduation-ceremony/refreshments etc. as they grad committee sees fit (\$500)

Large items:

- \$4000 put "aside" from future fundraising towards gr. 8 end of year trip - we will match up to \$4000 as they raise money themselves
- \$1500 was approved to purchase ukuleles for the music program - Music teacher can also purchase sheet music or tuners etc. related to integrating these new instruments into her program
- \$2000 was approved from future fundraising to go towards more Home Reading - specifically French Immersion books
- Chromebooks - it was approved that we will purchase additional chromebooks - but we will wait until next meeting after our accounts are in order to decide how many chromebooks we will purchase this year

Fundraising Ideas to raise the money - we will come with ideas for fundraising ideas/initiative to next month's meeting

Council approved to give Professor JAMZ a deposit to reserve him to come again next year on Hallowe'en (which will be MONDAY Oct. 31). Back up dates could be either the Friday before Hallowe'en or the Tuesday after.

Spending approval for upcoming events:

Supplies for Pizza Days, hotdog days (napkins, gloves, etc)

Movie night - candy etc.

Council approved to buy lunch for move a thon volunteers- parents who are spending their whole day volunteering for the event

Strong Start Program:

The program (primarily a reading program for ages 5-7) is looking for volunteers - forms will go out tomorrow to youngest and only students. Nicole is the one spearheading the program at the school.

Parent Council Tab on Website:

Nicole has posted a tab for school fundraising on the parent council page - she will publish it once she has all the up to date information

Movie Night:

Nov 27th - Doors open 6:00 - movie at 6:30 - The movie will be HOME (it was FREE!)

No advanced tickets - all tickets will be sold at the door

Admin is looking after setting up AV equipment

Set up will need to happen at about 5:30 - mats, chairs, tables snacks and tickets etc.

Advertising will go out next week - it will advertise the proceeds will go towards the purchase of ukuleles for the music program

Sarah will reach out to volunteers to help with setup and cleanup

Kelly and Sarah will get Halloween candy to sell on the night of the movie

Nicole - will put on an advertisement for even on the website

Helene/Kelly will look after paper advertisements for movie night which will can have info about movie night and spirit wear sales

RECALL:

Helene will approach the company to sell spirit wear - He can come and 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.

Elections:

Kelly nominates Helene to be the new chair - She was unanimously approved as the new chair
Kelly DeCoppel volunteered to be the new Treasure, which was unanimously accepted

Next Meeting:

Tues Nov. 24th, 6:00 pm