

Alpine School Council Agenda



Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30 p.m. in the library

Attending: Rita Givlin, April Cousineau, Amy Lauriault, Lea Becker, Mya W-G, Jennifer Waters, Jessica Beaucage, Svetlana Pletneva, Amanda Galway, Donald Mann

Regrets: Heike Koester

Playground Open House

- Grant applications are in to the City of Kitchener and Hydro One for financial support with our playground. We should hear in the next few weeks.
- We are grateful to Amanda Galway, Mrs. W-G, Mrs Mahon and Samantha Geisel for helping to deliver open house flyers to the homes closest to the school.
- Mrs. W-G hosted a SweetLegs online party and has donated all of her hostess benefits to the playground fund resulting in another \$170 being added.
- Neighbours are very much in support of the addition of the playground. Retirees like to bring their grandchildren to play here at Alpine and comment that they miss the old playground.
- Elements people love: different slides, spider web, bigger is better, tic-tac-toe, ramps, multiple entries, good sight lines for supervision
- Student council has planned a bake sale for May 9 and will be donating all proceeds to the playground.
- A few staff have more ideas for small fundraisers.
- We are all ready to build this now!

Principal's Update

- EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments are coming at the end of May. Staff are preparing students to be able to do their best (e.g., teaching reading

strategies so students can find the math, doing practice questions, using DreamBox, offering a comprehensive math program). Google Read and Write is a tool that several of our students will be using. We do have several exemptions (student not writing) this year.

- DreamBox use at home is improving. 33% of our students are accessing DreamBox outside of school hours. Our staff continue to support student learning through use of DreamBox each week.
- Our ELI (Early Literacy Intervention) and Empower reading groups have been highly successful at improving achievement in reading, writing and confidence. Two new groups ELI groups are beginning.
- We are the proud owners of a beautiful new stage thanks to WRDSB Facility services. It is beautiful and safe! Thanks to Mrs. Fairhurst for advocating on our behalf.
- New flag pole is still coming.
- Thanks to Ms Kittel, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. W-G and Mrs. Becker for getting a running club going and for being creative and flexible when it snowed and again now that the fields are too wet. A small but enthusiastic group from Alpine are entering the MudPuppy Run!
- Thanks to Mrs. Calvert for organizing our Jump Rope for Heart Campaign.
- Thanks to Mr. Ottogalli for continuing to work with athletic council to offer intramural activities.
- Thanks to Mr. Neville, Ms Gemnay and Ms Koester for continuing to offer chess club.

Financial Update

Balance Forward	18144.65
Boss Baby movie night proceeds	\$400
Movie passes	-\$108.42
Boss Baby movie	-\$15.79
Rheo Thompson Smoothie Sales	\$1001.99
Clerical error corrected	-\$70

Reimburse from school for ACF License	429.40
SweetLegs fundraiser	170.00
Current Balance	19951.83(approximately)

Stemmler's Update

- A few orders still to come in so we don't know totals yet.
- Great staff participation!
- Need volunteer with van to pick up on May 9 -
- Assembling orders and handing out - Mandy, Amanda, Mya, Lea
- Calling to remind families who don't pick up - Rita

School Celebration of Special Days

- A parent has suggested we should celebrate more special days
- Acknowledging and celebrating differences is important
- Labels can help but can also be limiting - we still need to get to know others as individuals beyond a label
- Concern about leaving some special needs out
- Anti-bullying, random act of kindness, different cultures are things we would like to celebrate
- Would like to celebrate a cultural event with our community next year - perhaps a potluck dinner.

PRO Grant for next year?

- Ideas - another math/STEM night

School Council Input – Principal Profile

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yxfQWSoeUINPxKxfpxCapW7-2jMKzcVYli4SPrb6kuM/edit>

Fun Fair Planning

[Alpine School Council FunFair Planning](#)

All parents are encouraged to ask employers for a donation to our funfair or playground fund.

More volunteers are desperately needed - community members are asked to email alpineps.chair@gmail.com or rita_givlin@wrdsb.ca if you can help, even just for 1 hour on the day of the event. We are happy to sign volunteer hour sheets for high school students.

Any Other Business?

Alpine's 2017-2018 School Council

Co-Chairs: Jessica Beaucage, April Cousineau

Secretary: Rita Givlin (position available)

Parent Representatives: Amanda Galway, Jen Smerek, Pam Martinez, Svetlana Pletneva, Jennifer McCuaig, Jennifer Drimmie, Amy Lauriault, Sasa Cvetkovic

Bulletin Board: Jennifer Drimmie

Facebook Page/Twitter/Instagram: Amy Lauriault

Principal: Rita Givlin

Teaching Staff: Lea Becker, Heike Koester

Non-Teaching Staff: Marjolein Wijbenga-Groot

Treasurer: Sherry Mahone, Lori Crewe

New members always welcome!