

# Alpine School Council Minutes

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Jack Astors

Present: Jen Smerek, Amanda Galway, Mya W-G, Heike Koester, Sasa Cvetkovic, Amy Lauriault, Rita Givlin, April Cousineau



## Fun Fair Feedback

Expenses		Revenue	
Item	Cost		Event
Drew Ripley	\$668.37	Drew	Bake Sale \$559.05
Face Paint	\$83.59	Rita m/c	BBQ Water/Pop/Juice \$1,093.60
Face painting brushes sponges etc	\$81.28	Rita m/c	
Face paint - paper towel and wipes	\$8.15	Rita cash	Book Sale \$112.75
Condiments	donation from Mandy		Silent Auction \$2,544.00
Freezies	donation from Mandy		Raffle \$636.35
Basket Fillers, baskets, wrap, ribbon	\$42.56	Rita cash	Photo Booth \$80.00
materials for slime	\$20.34	Amanda Forlipa	Slime \$77.75
Extra hotdogs/buns	\$8.10	Sherry Mahon	Communittech \$250.00
Chicken weiners	\$6.81	Amanda Galway	
Water/juice	\$25.43	Amanda Galway	
Tickets (Staples)	\$38.28	m/c	
Burgers and foil	20.75	Donald Mann	
Propane	\$31.63	Donald Mann	
Carpet Binding	\$39.55	April Cousineau	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,074.84</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b> \$5,353.50
			Less Expenses \$1,074.84
			<b>Profit Earned</b> \$4,278.66

- Great to have face painting inside- will be enough face paint for next year
- Needed more relish - otherwise amount of condiments was excellent
- 280 burgers, 16 veggie burgers ( more requested), 84 hot dogs, approximately 40 halal chicken wieners were sold - our community appreciated the Halal and veggie options

- Second BBQ is needed
- Freezies - 2 boxes was a good amount
- Watermelon was a popular choice
- Bake sale - some items should be 50 cents some should be \$1
- Positive feedback that games, face painting and entertainment were free
- Drew Ripley was a huge hit!
- Classes/families did a great job on the raffle baskets - technically we need a license for this
- Grateful that the weather cooperated
- Sales of drinks were great
- Easier to just have families pay for food and drinks without pre-selling tickets - less work involved - sign needed to ask families to pick up food and then pay
- More help needed on clean-up crew

## Financial Update

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$22194.41</b>
Thirty-One Fundraiser	\$164.00
Parragon Shoe Fundraiser	\$250.00
Fun Fair	\$4278.66
Boston Pizza Fundraiser	\$329.80
City of Kitchener Grant	\$15000.00
Purchase Order Playground	-\$42632.64
<b>Year End</b>	<b>-\$415.77</b>
<b>HST School Rebate</b>	<b>Approx \$3900.00</b>
<b>Balance - September 2018</b>	<b>Approx \$3500</b>

## Playground Update

- Currently we are waiting for a revision (playground not accessible to public during school day) and a few clarifications (what type of sign is needed, who pays) from the City and then we will sign the contract
- Purchase order has gone in from school to WRDSB who will then send to BlueImp
- Goal is summer install - waiting for confirmation of the date
- As noted above the playground will be paid in full
- **Council voted to add a Buddy Bench and change one crazy cup to a different kind of spinner which will result in an increase in cost of approximately \$1400**

## Principal's Update

### **Staffing**

We are saying goodbye to Mrs. Calvert and Mr. Neville (both going to Forest Hill), Mrs James (moving to Elizabeth Zeigler), Miss Dunbar and Miss Mangal (both have finished their LTO's with Alpine and looking for new positions next year) and Mrs Gierscher (moving to Centennial Waterloo in the Life Skills class). These staff have enriched our learning community in many ways and we are sad to see them grow but grateful for the new opportunities they will have elsewhere and for the new staff and ideas we will be able to welcome to Alpine. When we get sad we remind ourselves that change is good.

We are welcoming Mrs Burton to grade 2/3 (coming to us from WTT) and Miss Slumskie as our new EA. We still have a grade 1/2 teacher who will be placed next week and a kindergarten teacher and a 0.19 LTO to hire in August. We look forward to working and learning with these new staff members!

### **DreamBox**

All students with DreamBox licences will have access to them until August 30. We invite parents of grades 1-6 students to keep students active for 1 hour per week over the summer to support our school in improving student achievement in math. Our students who have used the program the most have seen the biggest gains.

### **Math Up**

All of our grades 1-6 teachers will be using MathUp by Marion Small next year and several have already attended PD relating to this exciting new resource. WRDSB is fully in support and will be offering further PD opportunities for staff. We continue to strive to help our students be more engaged and confident math learners and to experience greater success.

### **Wellness/Character Education**

Our staff is currently reviewing both Hero Generation and Umbrella to see which would be the best fit for our students, families and staff. We are planning ahead to be sure we include special events like Autism Awareness and Pride month.

At our June staff meeting we discussed how we can help our students understand why the pride flag is flying. Several different picture books were shared with staff to promote acceptance of differences and inclusivity. Some great conversations happened and some classes created bulletin boards or had a ceremony around the flagpole. As a staff we realize that we need to plan further ahead next year.

### **Fall Fees**

To assist families with financial planning...

- Grades 1-6 students purchase agendas for \$7.00 each
- Voluntary - Alpine spirit wear orders will be available the first 2 weeks of school
- Voluntary - after school programs for students will be offered from Mad Science and Artsapes for a fee

### **Facility Services**

In addition to the \$25000 new stage and a new flagpole, this summer we are getting a new roof (beginning the second week of July), the paving at the back (first week of July) and also considerable support with the installation of our new playground. We are very fortunate and well taken care of by our facilities team.

Huge thanks to Mrs. Fairhurst and Mrs. Ernewein for the great care they take of our facility every day.

**Gratitude**

On behalf of staff and students, I want to warmly thank all of our parents for the ongoing tremendous support throughout the year. Without you we would not have a new playground to play on next year. Trips would not be possible. Home reading would not be completed and DreamBox not used at home.

To our school council members, thank you for leading and making the dream come true with your ongoing hard work and determination. Your guidance and support is invaluable to our learning.

**Planning ahead for next year**

Office Opens - August 20, 2018

Transition Meetings with invited students - August 30, 2018

Meet the Team/Playground Party - Thurs., Sept. 6, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- Hot dog BBQ
- Bingemans - cotton candy - email sent to request
- Baking donations
- Radio Station - email sent to request
- Water/Pop/Juice
- Grand Opening - invite City of Kitchener, WRDSB, Alpine Community Association representatives

**Any Other Business**

- New members are always welcome - please invite a friend and join us

## 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, Pauline Schafer, 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!*