PPS School Council - May 20, 2014

Leslie, Julie, Heather, Corey, Quincy, Peter, Karen, Trevor, Michelle, Leanne, Heidi, Trish, Taylor

Welcome - Corey

Attendance

Minutes of last meeting - Passed

School News - Peter

Vow of silence - a We Day initiative was held

Earth Day picnic was held (indoors)

Me to We assembly was held

Collaborative inquiry continues - Peter showed a Spatial Reasoning resource from the Ministry of Education

Student - Teacher dodgeball game with grade 6s

Grade 6 camp meeting was held

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools survey was launched and remains live until May 31

Staffing process continues

Class building will happen in the next week or two

Grade 6 transition meeting with WG Davis was held

Upcoming Davis parent meeting this Thursday

Kindergarten Parent night was held - Peter invited parents to join school council

Talent show was held

Literacy Night tomorrow night

Chess has begun

Police officers have been helping out at Breakfast program

Lang’s Farm Nutrition program has begun - representatives gave a presentation to council.  Program is called “Healthy Beginnings.”  Two healthy foods of the month. The program is currently running in two classes.  A grade 1 and a grade 1 / 2.

Fundraising Updates

Little Caesar’s Fundraiser was a success.  It was easy and worth it even with a small number of students participating.

Discussion regarding possible projects that we could fundraise around.  More playground equipment, more greening initiatives?  Replace sand with a safer material?  Jenni will contact Dennis Wendland at the Board Office to inquire about possibilities with a greening initiative.

Read-a-thon -  Prizes for students - ballots for every 5 books.  Or one ballot per 100 pages of a chapter book.  Peter will post a message for teachers that gives guidelines for ballot allocation.  Firefighters Read program has been in the school over the last two weeks reading to classes.

Applebees - fundraiser was not overly well attended but it may have been too much given the number of fundraisers we have had lately.

A fundraising calendar might be a good idea for the beginning of the next school year.

Discussion of Magazine Fundraiser, Candyland, Preston Music Festival.  Jenni will book magazine fundraiser and Corey will talk to Music Festival Organizers.

Bingo - we are in need of more volunteers to do the training.  A new email will be distributed with some dates that need to be filled.

Financial Update

Update was shared with council members.

Tarmac painting and planners have been approved for use of Bingo Funds

Year End Swim Night - Heather

Because of the closure of WG Johnson pool, swimming lessons will be moving to Ed Newland so regular time slots are not available.  We could have 4pm to 6pm time slot but that may be too early for parents.  Should we go with the earlier time slot or go with a different option.  Outdoor movie night?  Ice cream social?

The Ice Cream Social was chosen as a replacement.  June 24 - 6:30 - 8:00.  Leanne will take on the ice cream/topping buying.  Discussion around whether we could have all compostable items (bowls, spoons, napkins).  Leslie will call about collection.

Meet the Teacher for the fall - Tues, Sept 9.  Leanne has booked RMI to cater a BBQ.

Next meeting: June 17th 7pm at Julie’s house