

Alpine School Council Agenda



Wednesday, June 19, 2019

6:30 p.m. at Ennio's

Present: Rita Givlin, April Cousineau, Jessica Beaucage, Dawn Koehler, Mandy Clark

Regrets: Lea Becker, Mya W-G, Jennifer Smerek, Jennifer McCuaig, Heike Koester

Principal's Update

- Sincere thanks go out to our loyal, generous, fun, and hard-working school council members who make our special events possible. We very much appreciate that you consistently go above and beyond and donate your time and talents. Your guidance on school matters is greatly valued.
- We successfully had everyone out and accounted for in less than 3 minutes at our recent fire drills. Our students and staff are awesome!
- Pizza prices will rise to \$2.00 per slice next year and only one reminder will be sent. Incomplete orders (e.g., payment not received by the deadline) will not be processed. This will allow the process to run more smoothly and hopefully increase proceeds to support more school initiatives. Many thanks to our neighbor, Denise Vogel, and to parent, Jennifer McCuaig, for being awesome pizza day volunteers!
- Increased support from parents and guardians is needed to make trips run smoothly. In addition to the considerable time spent planning, booking buses, and completing paperwork, teachers are spending a great deal of time trying to track down permission forms, payment, and volunteers.
- Our Lexia data is showing strong results: almost all of our 20 students who used the program this year have made greater than 1 year of progress in just over 8 months, staff and students are seeing improvement in literacy skills as measured by PM Benchmark data, and most students are enjoying using the program and want to use it again in the fall. We are having a few students new to Lexia try the program over the summer. Students already using Lexia who indicated interest are also able to use Lexia over the summer.
- Our DreamBox data is also very positive. Our students increased their growth this year over last, which had also increased significantly from the previous year. DreamBox is also available for all students to use over the summer. Some of our students are making incredible use of this learning tool.
- Students are loving the Little Library - thanks to Mrs. W-G and her family for building and installing the library. Books are moving quickly. Summer reading is very important - this is another step which we hope will help us to improve student literacy growth.
- 31 of approximately 220 families responded to our communication survey. This is not

a large enough sample for valid results. Overall, respondents love SchoolDay!

- The school purchased a pop-up shelter for students going to track and field which we anticipate will be used at many other events.
- Our goal is to make Alpine PS an inviting community hub and we want everyone to be able to enjoy our lovely facility. Ideally, everyone will take great care of our property. Sadly, this does not always happen; for example, within 2 days of the mud kitchen arriving, someone worked quite hard to remove the taps and bent the faucet leaving sharp edges which would hurt little hands so now our sink has no taps. Please report any vandalism or damage to WRDSB at 519-570-0003 or call WRPS at 519-653-7700.

Financial Update

April has initiated Alpine's involvement in a new fundraiser with Factory Shoe. Once we have Alpine school cards, each pair of shoes purchased (greater than \$30) will generate \$5 worth of income for Alpine. Thanks for your initiative and leadership, April!

Bad news! Three sections of the mud kitchen were delivered instead of one so the cost is higher than forecast. Good news! Our students of all ages love the mud kitchens and they are always busy even when our kindergarten friends are inside.

Good news! Creekside Church members came through in a very big way and cheerfully donated an incredible amount of delicious items for our bake sale. As a result, we raised approximately \$1300 at the recent BBQ and Playground Celebration. We are very grateful to the Alpine Neighborhood Community Association for their hard work on the event night - we really needed their support.

School Council will be starting the 2019-2020 school year with just over \$2500. This is an excellent amount - just enough to get us going but not too much. We know that the money raised for our students' benefit this year was spent on this year's students.

Date	Event	Revenue	Expenses (less rebates)	Difference	Running Balance
end 2018					22091.39
Nov 9, 2018	Movie Night	286.25	157.54	128.71	128.71
	SD Fee		4.63		-4.63
	inter-entity reimburse less rebate		134.76		-134.76
Dec 2018	MacMillan's	5216	3059.89	2156.13	2156.13
Dec 2018	Rheo	2013	1080	933	933

	Thompson				
	inter-entity - playground		19760.88		-19760.88
January 2019	transfer Macmillan's to school				-2156.13
	re - DreamBox, Lexia, HERO				
Jan 25, 2019			24197.7		3252.83
February 2019	Dance-a-Thon			1774.55	5033.38
March 2019	Megaphone		146.98		4886.4
March 2019	Waterproof Outdoor Speaker		69.99		4816.41
April 2019	GaGa Ball Pit		1921		2895.41
April 2019	Green Screen		135.99		2759.42
June 11, 2019	Little Library		137.72		2621.7
June 14, 2019	Mud Kitchen		1356		1265.7
June 11	BBQ Playground Celebration	1735.5	435.07	1300.43	2566.13

First Day of School - Have a coffee on the school council!

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Welcome Back Coffee with Council

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Coffee - Jessica Beaucage

Cream/sugar - Mandy

Volunteers are needed to serve

School Council Dates for 2019-2020

Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the library at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the June meeting which is a celebration at a local restaurant. Dates for 2019-2020 have been entered in the Alpine PS Google calendar (on our website) and are as

follows:

- Sept. 25, 2019
- Oct. 23, 2019
- Nov. 27, 2019
- Jan. 22, 2020
- Feb. 26, 2020
- Mar. 25, 2020
- Apr. 22, 2020
- May 27, 2020
- June 17, 2020

Everyone is welcome at council meetings. We are especially looking for more parents and guardians to join our team so that the work can be shared and we have new ideas to consider. Consider yourself invited!

Save the Date! Alpine PS Meet-the-Team

Thursday, September 5, 2019
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Alpine's 2018-2019 School Council

Co-Chairs: April Cousineau, Jessica Beaucage

Secretary: Rita Givlin

Parent Representatives: Amanda Galway, Judy Oke, Jennifer Smerek, Donald Mann, Ryan Galway, Jennifer McCuaig, Mandy Clark, Dawn Koehler

Communications: Jennifer Smerek

- **Bulletin Board:**
- **Facebook Page/Twitter/Instagram**

Principal: Rita Givlin

Teaching Staff: Lea Becker, Heike Koester

Non-Teaching Staff: Marjolein Wijbenga-Groot

Treasurer: Sherry Mahone, Lori Crewe

New members always welcome!