

Country Hills Parent Community Meeting

October 28, 2020

1. Call to Order – Karina Gumz Carpenter at 6:05 pm
2. Approval of September Minutes - Janeth
3. Approval of Agenda – Bethany, Laura
4. **Principals Report – Rob Rebellato**

* Students are settled in their routines. Everything is quiet and melo.
* Halloween – As per the WRDSB - No costumes or class parties. If a student brings in treats, they will remain in the student’s school bag and take back home.
* Black and Orange day on Friday, October 30, 2020.
* Sickness at school – Regular flu came and exited. There are and have not been any major health concerns amongst students and staff.
* Hoping to get through Christmas with no hiccups.
* Remembrance Day – No assembly in the gym. Instead, Remembrance with be held over the PA and students with remain in their classroom.

1. **Teachers Report - Joanna Kneale**

* Halloween – Orange and black is common across many boards.
* The students are adapting really well.
* Rob made sure not to make too many changes to classes. As little disruptions as possible for staff and students.
* Masks - no real issues with families when picking up and dropping students off, practicing social distancing. (Bethany, Joanna and Rob). Rob will post a friendly reminder on school day for Thursday, October 29, 2020

1. **Treasures Report – Balance $8868.89**

- $800 donated to the Terry Fox Run

1. **Sub-Committee Reports**

* WRAPC Meeting Report - Meeting was October 6th (meeting minutes to come)
* Safety protocols are better than in some school boards

1. New Business

- PIC Grant – moving forward to fall 2020

- PRO Grant – follow up with Karin Sonnenberg

1. Discussion Items

**20/21 CH Parent Community Member Elections**

* *Chair – Karina, Nominated by Joanna, Second - Janeth*
* *Co-Chair – Bethany, Nominated by Karina, Second – Joanna and Keiko, Terri steps down*
* *Secretary – Laura, Volunteered, Second - Karina*
* *Treasurer - Tarra Volunteered, Second – Laura, Joanna, Janeth and Keiko. Rob nominated Janeth but she declined*

**Fundraising ideas for fall 2020/winter/spring 2021**

* Read-a-thon – 2 weeks virtual
* no person-to-person contact
* eliminates cash, cheque, school payments
* inclusive
* fundraise as a class, goals, time set aside
* families can do a one-time donation to school, student or both
* teacher/parent reading donation tracker
* incentives, prizes, council prize donation
* replaces dance-a-thon
* 80% goes to school, 20% goes to admin
* no start-up cost, all info is cleared off system 90 days after the Read-a-thon is completed
* 10 days after the Read-a-thon 80% funds released, 20 days after remainder released
* Janeth- 20 minutes for Read-a-thon instead of silent reading, I have to  
  read x …, donation
* Joanna seconds Read-a-thon, incentives...movie day, Covid safe activities
* Run Read-a-thon for 1 – 2 weeks. 2 weeks preferred
* app/tablet/smart phones/computer user friendly
* parent participation – choice
* Joanna – Kids like simple parties, extra hour outdoors
* Rob – distribution of prizes
* Board has instructed not to handle cash at this time
* Outside app for receiving funds? Karina to inquire
* Joanna will email and assist staff setting up
* Karina proposes February/March for Read-a-thon
* Janeth suggests leading into spring break.

**Holiday Bingo? TBD**

* Rob – not much direction from board, clear cut, going day to day, know more closer to December

**Current needs for staff and students**

- Joanna – more technology needed, Chrome books, ipads, shortage of Chrome

books and books general.

* Can school council buy?
* Rob – Barriers worldwide shortage of Chrome books, …
* board supplying rotation of Chrome books, after 3 years   
  they are sent back to the board, recycled and replaced with new ones
* Board Policy – fundraising money cannot be used for tech purchases
* portion of school budget allocated for tech.
* Outdoor equipment - worn out, depleted
* Sports equipment – no sports equipment is to go outside with students, DPA only, premature to order equipment
* Janeth – proposes Armour stone to side – outdoor learning space, social distance
* Joanna – money for teachers to spend

**Country Hills School greening and weeding**

* Terri - school grounds concern with metal sticking up by new buddy bench
* Bethany and Tara cleaned flower beds
* Rob – ordered replacement basketball net in the gym
* Janeth/Karina - slide, play structure, bench need TLC
* Karina – who to contact?  
  - can company with the school board repair it using council money?

- primary playground worn, metal wearing, taped off so student   
 can’t use

* Rob/Jen – contact gaga pit company to come out and make recommendations (Blue Imp)
* grounds – $20,000 for stone circle at previous school.
* $1000 per class outdoor equipment once Covid is over
* Rob - skating rink will not happen this year. Bare bones due to Covid

***Current needs for staff and students cont.***

* Keiko – pay for programming or online memberships, tracking progress
* Karina – RAZ Kids licenses for kids
* Janeth – certain amount for certain students...
* Rob - Alex Coffee handles class licenses - math – dream box, prodigy
* Joanna – funds for scholastic books – 1 set of books per class
* no library access, strict rules
* sanitize class set
* Rob – Joanna will put a categorized form together for teachers – interests/class/cost needs
* books leading into Read-a-thon, amount, online programing, equity

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

In Attendance: Karina Carpenter, Janeth Williams, Rob Rebellato, Jen Boyer, Keiko App, Terri Holland, Laura Eady, Tara Stump, Bethany Leis, Jenna Clamp

Minutes taken by Jenna Clamp

Meeting concluded at 7:30pm