

Parent Council Meeting-May 15th 2019

Attendance: Allan Mackay, Melissa Schrader, Barb Csanits, Eleanor McCoy, Heather Reid, Sabeen Hussain, Kristin Barber, Imran

Regrets: Heather Wood, Tanya Harris, Melissa Stacey

Welcome: Sabeen Hussain

Thank you everyone for coming tonight. We had to reschedule our meeting from last week to accommodate kindie night.

Administration: Allan Mackay

An update on chocolate bars. We ordered 300 boxes. We sent back 80 boxes of chocolate bars because we had too many, which left us with 220 boxes. We still have 30 boxes left to sell. At roughly \$32 a case we should have a profit of around \$6,000, minus the cost for the prizes. Next week we will be doing daily prizes and posting our top seller. Every kid who has sold a box receives a ballot. They can then pick their teacher gift of time Ballot Box. There are lots of daily prizes. 80% of proceeds from the chocolate bars will go towards the new playground with 20% of the proceeds going towards compassion needs. Roughly \$5,000 for the playground. \$500 for compassion and \$500 for miscellaneous for helping students. Staffing update. Mrs. Csanits is retiring. She has been at the school since the school opened. She is very happy and excited for the new chapter in life. She does not want anything for her retirement present. Very important member of our school. Who helped with all the assemblies, clubs, and volunteers for our school many times. She would like to supply for the school after her retirement. She will be greatly missed. We will be hiring three teachers for next year. A JK, SK and a grade 4/5 teacher. The new grade 4/5 teacher will be going into a new portable, located beside our current portable. Mrs. Kelly our Music Teacher is off on maternity leave. Grade 1/2 with Mrs. Ellerbey will be moving to Barb's old class. Mlle. Faye will be teaching grade 6 English next year. Madame Kowalczyk will be teaching the grade 1 french immersion class. Mrs. Thaker will be back in September to teach music and drama. We will have a lot of split classes next year. This will help with behavioral issues. We will get an extra class by splitting the classes. For English we will have: 1 grade one straight class, a 1/2 class, 2 2/3 classes, 3/4 class, 3 4/5 classes, and 5/6. Staff work together to choose how the classes are formed due to the needs of the students. They take into consideration

how the classes are formed ensuring that the classes are well-balanced, and they take into account the classes social dynamics. The classes are never perfect but absolutely the staff try their best. Two new DECE's need to be hired for next year. Our EA's are basically the same for next year. We have low numbers for junior classes. For the Kindie Playground Sabeen from parent Council will join the team. Decide what pieces we need. It should cost roughly between \$67,000 to \$70,000. We would like to the playground to be built in two phases. As the parent Council bank account stands right now as of May 8th we have \$38,500. The new playground cannot go on the swell which is located outside of the kiinde gate. It's GRCA controlled. It will be located to the left of the Buddy bench. There will be a path from the kidney area leading to the new playground. We are going for the more naturalized playground. Upcoming events. The talent show is coming up on Friday. Classrooms are raising butterflies. End-of-year trips to start in June. We currently have running: the running club, dance club, and geography challenge club. We have an empathy project to begin in the beginning of June. Track and field starts the first week of June. Spirit wear. The board has a new policy that all school uniforms or shirts need to be purchased through Staples. The sports team shirts have already been ordered and they should be here soon. In regards to the current playgrounds. Parents are asking why it is closed in the mornings. The playground has been closed in the mornings due to the dew on the playground as well as the old playground had to be repaired. There is also a lack of supervision in the morning in the back playground as there are only two teachers on duty to supervise the entire back of the school.

YMCA: Elanor McCoy

The YMCA attended the kiinde night last week at the school. We got to meet a lot of new parents and make some great contacts. May 29th will be family night at our center. It starts at 6 p.m. and runs till 7:30. It's a good place for parents to have conversations. We have a new idea this year... Elsa and Captain America will be joining our family night. It is unfortunately only open to YMCA families. Gearing up for summer, numbers are very strong.

Principal Profile: Sabeen Hussain

We will be completing our principal profile tomorrow during first nutrition break. With all available council members joining in attendance. It is very important that we get this filled out as soon as possible. Thank you.

Charity Bingo: Kristin Barber

Charity Bingo night is coming up on Wednesday May 27th at the Cambridge Gaming Centre. Bingo starts at 6:45. For every \$21 purchase or more per person, the school receives a \$10 donation. Its a fun night out to raise money for the school.

ESNS: Kristin Barber

The ESNS program is running well so far. We are selling roughly 200 of slices of pizza week. We have 70 food orders on average, with pita pit pit selling slightly less than Subway and Boston Pizza. I have had a couple of requests for the program moving forward. I have had a request for a Halal option for the sandwiches. We do offer a vegetarian option for each of our food days. A halal optionn would be nice though. There have been requests for cheaper items as in milk or juice. Administration would like if we do have a milk option that the milk comes in a resealable container as there has been issues in the past with cleanliness as well as custodial complaints with children leaving their half empty milk containers in the recycling bins or garbage. There has been no negative feedback in regards to the program, which is amazing.

Fresh from Farm: Sabeen Hussain

We would like to double-check that we are still doing the fresh from the farm fundraiser next year which starts in September. We would also like to do the nutrition for learning donation slip with the fresh from the farm fundraiser again, as this was very well received and many families donated to support the program. We agree to run this program again.

Red Hawks Fundraiser: Sabeen Hussain

Possible fundraiser for next year. We choose a Saturday night that we would be purchasing the tickets for. We need to purchase a minimum of 100 tickets which cost \$3 a piece. The suggested retail of the tickets are \$6. We should have an option to buy for families that cannot afford one (buy a ticket for a family in need). In the fall students can sing the national anthem. There will be three prizes to be drawn at our school. Avenue Road is doing it as well. The RedHawks get players to do class visits and join in on an assembly. We could possibly join forces with Avenue Road and sell the tickets together. This is a community building

event, it's not about fundraising. It is just a fun night out for kids to be together with their friends from the school. Kristin Barber would like to put a motion for word that we participate in the RedHawks fundraiser for next year, with Heather Reed seconding the vote.

Fall Fair: Kristin Barber

We would like to do a Fall Fair next year possibly in October the week before Thanksgiving. Admin noted that it would work best if we held it during the week after school. We can roll several fundraisers into one event, so we do not have to have multiple fundraisers during school time. Ideas are: a pumpkin sale, bake sale, book exchange (bring a book and get a new book), craft sale, sell refreshments, possibly sell the hockey tickets. We could have face painting ect. Classes or clubs could have their own tables at the fair. They can raise money for year end trips, or supplies for clubs. Give staff lots of notice and hopefully get them on board. Could be really fun. Free ideas include: Karaoke booth, hockey shot station, colouring station. We would need roughly 10 volunteers and a few staff to run it. It could be a great start to our school year ensuring we have the funds to run our programs. This would also free up time during the school year for classes to have their own bake sales. We can even ask previous students if they would want to come back and volunteer. Great for the community.

Dance Club: Kristin Barber

Dance class is going well. Our last dance class will be on Thursday June 6th. We would like to do this program next year. Only having it run during the colder months though.

Strong Start: Sabeen Hussain

We currently have 17 students from SK. With 19 strands. We need to push for more Volunteers in September. The more volunteers we have the more students we can read with.

Kindie Night: Kristin Barber

Kindie night went well. Thanks to Heather Wood and Kristin for running the parent council booth. We updated our flyers and printed off new signage. We met a lot of parents who are interested in helping out next year. We had 3 parents sign the volunteer forms.

Open Floor: Heather Reid

Wants to know what is up for the year end trips. The grade sixes are not going to the Mandarin. Just wondering what they're doing and how much money they will need? Admin hasnt heard anything yet. Year end trips are being finalized this week.

Closing- Sabeen

Thank you everyone for coming.