

## **EZ Parent Council Meeting**

**January 21, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

### **Attendance**

#### **Voting Council Members**

1. Joanna Thiessen
2. Jen Topham
3. Pui Ming Leung
4. Corrie Ballantyne
5. Heather Sequeira
6. Ryan Gulka
7. Brooke Spearn
8. Sarah Beth Bianchi
9. Ingrid Bachmann
10. Emily Jaarsma
11. Carrie Stevenson
12. Jola Gurska
13. Erin Heimpel

#### **Non-voting Council Members and Guests**

1. Susan Marchiori (Principal)
2. Judy Humpheys
3. Lisa Mitchell

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

-motion to approve November meeting minutes and January agenda today – moved by Sarah-Beth Bianchi, second Heather Sequeira, all voting members in favour - approved

### **3. Financial Summary**

- \$663.66 in general account to be allocated
- \$5091 in the fundraising account for 2018-2019 school year
- \$1100 is allocated for symphony trip and already subtracted
- today we can discuss where to consider allocating some of this \$

### **4. Fund raising priorities**

- home reading – there is money still from last year (\$1500) that didn't get spent
- discussion about the balancing act for teachers who are trying to get different books in the classroom vs the books in the home reading bins
- suggestion to have teachers spend the \$1500 from last year and see how far it gets us and then decide if we need to allocate more money for home reading
- field trips – idea to allocate \$2700 for “scientist in schools” upcoming event for all kids at EZ and the JK/SK theatre trip
- water station on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor – cost is \$3000 – Jen Topham putting together an application for a grant through Rotary Club (\$2500 grant). Deadline is end of February for the grant application. Susan says the school could contribute up to \$1000 for this.
- performers and special activities – February Eastwood Theatre company, March 21 Indigenous dance performance, “chef a l'ecole” French cooking visit that would take place over 3 days and all students from grades 1-6 would participate – cost is \$7 per student = \$2800 (French teachers have applied for the French Grant of \$800)
- question about the Rotary grant - would it be appropriate for the Chef a l'ecole program (cooking and French culture, hands-on learning) – Jen Topham to check for more details about the grant
- grade 6 gifts – last year locks for middle school lockers were purchased - \$600
- Carrie mentions that in the past we have spent \$ on bins of outdoor toys and board games for classrooms – Susan replies that teachers did not include that idea on their wish list for this year
- motion to approve \$2700 to be allocated to “scientist in schools” and JK/SK theatre trip – moved by Jen Topham, second by Heather Sequeira, all voting members in favour - approved
- decision to wait on other spending decisions

-question about whether or not we should vote to put \$ towards the Chef a l'ecole program tonight in case we can't have a February meeting

-motion to approve allocating \$2000 to the "chef a l'ecole" in-class learning – moved by Sarah-Beth, second by Erin Heimpel, all voting members in favour – approved

-grant for the "Adventure Packs" was denied – discussion about making them ourselves for much cheaper

-goal of Adventure Packs was to help encourage kids to connect with nature

-Outdoor Learning committee to come up with more details

## **5. Fundraising Committee**

-pizza and dance-a-thon are 2 remaining fundraisers for this school year

-Dance-a-thon is Friday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – hoping to raise \$5000 for gaga ball pit

-poster printed to advertise the gaga ball pit

-\$10 profit per rain barrel – rain barrel fundraiser suggested by Erin Reader and to be orchestrated by the Eco Club – suggestion that this would be a great idea!

-question about the recycled clothing fundraising that is going on currently – this is being run by the Eco Club

## **6. Greening Committee**

-Susan says that we can put in a work order to replace the dead trees – the board will take care of this – we can talk about location and species before the work order goes in.

## **7. Outdoor Learning**

-fundraising – goal to have a proposal by the April council meeting – Joan set up a specific account for this purpose and it already has \$200 in it

-connecting with fundraising experts and Conestoga College to see if there is any chance of collaboration

-U of W prof who is working with EZ on this project came to EZ in December. His students are coming in May to work with EZ students on the design – all students will be involved in this process, Susan has asked all the teachers if they want to participate and they have all said yes

-school board is going to remove the large soccer posts and install 2 smaller soccer fields running the other way instead of the one large field

-question about whether we could pre-book the installation of the gaga ball pit so that it gets installed this spring – question about what happens if dance-a-thon falls short of the \$4600 that we have allocated for this project

-Heather asking about the Bench Buddy and where we are at – Heather to email Cody to ask for the plans to be sent to the board

## **8. Outreach**

-Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> event – discussing using the library for the session and one or two classrooms for child care at the same time

-6:30 to 8:30 pm March 5<sup>th</sup> – Argument to Agreement with KW Counselling

-Susan to check on the rules of having babysitters for events like this

-Jen Topham and Joanna Thiessen to advertise

## **9. School Report**

-report cards coming home Feb 15, 2019

-no designated day for interviews

-PJ and movie day organized by spirit club – movie is Rio – Thursday Jan 24, 2019

-grade 5/6 ski trip not confirmed but might be Feb 20

-coming to the end of the cycle of “student helpers”

-student reward day next week for students who have been helping with things like announcements and lunch monitors

-winter walk to school day Feb 6, 2019 – we will be walking the route that the walking school bus will be walking with a police officer

-anti-bullying program coming in March – John Howard society

-Laurier-run open-gym program that is Thursday evenings is coming up – children in grades 4-6 have the chance to take part – starts January 31, 2019, runs for 8 weeks

## **10. Walking School Bus**

-kids walking together with 2 or more adult volunteers – launching on Feb 6, 2019 – route is starting at Park and Glasgow, going down Park and then down John to the school

-to be a volunteer you need a police check and to watch a short video and take a quiz -  
[walkingschoolbus.cancer.ca](http://walkingschoolbus.cancer.ca)

### **11. Wrap up**

-Next meeting Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

-report about the last WRAPSC meeting – Corrie Ballantyne was there – “Days for Girls Canada” came to speak about their program and they are looking for people who want to start a club or who want to be seamstresses for the program – [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

-motion to close the meeting – moved by Heather Sequeira, second by Brenda Prins all voting members in favour – approved!