

## EZ Parent Council Meeting

February 24, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Attendance

#### Voting Council Members

1. Joanna Thiessen
2. Corrie Ballantyne
3. Heather Sequeira
4. Ryan Gulka
5. Erin Heimpel
6. Meaghan Gibbons

#### Non-voting Council Members and Guests

1. Susan Marchiori (Principal)
2. Sarah MacNeill (Vice Principal)
3. Fariba

### 1. Welcome

-discussion about Spirit Wear and bringing this back

-Corrie to check with Hilary about the name of the vendor she knows to see if they are on the board approved list

-also need to consider timing because with strike action this is a difficult time to add extra things

-Jola had suggested making a parent council board at the school for parents to see – we would post a paper copy of the minutes on this board to make it easier for parents to access – Susan to follow up with Jola

### 2. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

-motion by Ryan to approve January minutes and approve February agenda – second by Erin and voted in favour by all voting members present

### **3. Financial Summary**

- \$2320.33 plus approx. \$2600 pizza money in fundraising account

- Dance-a-thon raised approx \$4800 for EZ Play for All

- Reid's Heritage Homes became a corporate donor for EZ Play for All

- EZ Play for All is at \$35,163.02!!

- Looking ahead, Play for All committee decided not to do Vesey bulb fundraiser or Terra Cotta fundraiser this spring because it is difficult with using the gym and with sending home envelopes etc. due to the job action

- Susan to look into using the gym for a movie night fundraiser in early May

- Wanting to continue to fund field trips (if these happen this year) and home reading. We have the \$3000 for the home reading. If field trips happen this year, we have \$ for that. Also we will have more pizza \$ coming in this school year.

### **4. Update from Play For All**

- Cookie-Run ("fun run") on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm as a fundraiser for EZ Play for All – partnered with MANA – Meaghan and Brooke working on this, and they have applied for neighbourhood matching fund

- Heather and Krista working with Hustl and Flo for a class where proceeds will go to the playground fund – date is TBD but it will likely be a Friday or Saturday

- Stockie Motors – when you test drive their vehicles in March-April they will donate \$20 to the playground fund – Meaghan to put on FB

- Modo Yoga – June charity will be EZ Play for All

- Gaga ball tournament – Corrie and Dan to develop a plan and present it at next meeting. Potentially late May or June date

### **5. Fundraising Alignment and Approvals**

- motion to spend \$3000 on French and English home reading (\$1500 for each) for 2020-2021 school year – moved by Heather, second by Erin, approved by all voting members

- the \$3000 for home reading comes from: \$2650.11 from general account and \$349.89 from fundraising account

## **6. School Update**

- we are in the midst of job action, Phase 6 announced today by ETFO
- if you haven't signed up for labour updates, please do so on the EZ school website or on the WRDSB website
- teachers are still really focused on the kids here
- PALS (playground activity leaders in schools) – grade 4, 5, 6 students lead activities and games for younger kids at recess – PALS leaders had a half day training and did some practice sessions on grades 1, 2, 3 classes indoors before starting to lead activities outdoors. PALS training is provided by a program is called “Recess Guardians” through the school board
- 54 EZ youth volunteered to be PALS leaders
- Potato Blitz this week
- Pink Shirt Day Wednesday this week
- Character Day Friday this week
- Safe, Caring and Inclusive committee – working with Sarah to create a book for the students with tips on how to make friends and how to be inclusive

## **7. WRAPSC Update, Wrap up, Adjournment**

- WRAPSC meeting – Corrie and Erin attended
- first part of the meeting was about the job action
- also at WRAPSC there was discussion around vaping and around human trafficking and do parents want the schools to be educating kids about these topics
- general consensus at WRAPSC was that yes, parents want kids to be educated about these topics
- board announced sessions this week for parents about vaping – visit WRDSB website for more info – February 25<sup>th</sup> at SJAM at 7pm, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Huron Heights at 7pm, March 5<sup>th</sup> at WO at 7pm
- Meaghan suggested writing a letter on behalf of the parent council to Minister of Education in support of the teachers
- motion to draft a letter to Minister of Education on behalf of parent council – moved by Heather, second by Joanna, voted in favour by all voting members
- Meaghan to draft the letter and disseminate

-next meeting is March 30<sup>th</sup>

-motion to adjourn moved by Heather second by Ryan, voted in favour by all voting members

AJOURNED!