

## **EZ Parent Council Meeting**

**June 1, 2029 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom**

### **Attendance**

#### **Voting Council Members**

1. Joanna Thiessen
2. Corrie Ballantyne
3. Ryan Gulka
4. Meaghan Gibbons
5. Jen Topham
6. Brooke Spearn
7. Anneliese Schwartz
8. Davis Neable
9. Jola Gurska
10. Heather Sequeira

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

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

### **1. Welcome**

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

-Motion to approve May 2020 minutes moved by Heather, second by Brooke, voted in favour by all voting members.

-Motion to approve June 2020 agenda moved by Ryan, second by Heather, voted in favour by all voting members.

### **3. Financial Updates**

-Play for all account has around \$37,000 in it.

-Once we pay \$3000 for home reading and the allocated \$600 for grade 6 gifts we still have a balance of \$2401.43 between fundraising and yard improvement. Pizza money is not in there yet.

#### **4. School Update**

-Susan met with some of the grade 6 parents to discuss end of the year celebration.

-Organizing a drive through the parking lot for the grade 6's where students can get their lock and certificate and see their teachers.

-Also going to decorate the school door one weekend so that people can come by and look at the photos of the grade 6 students.

-A group of parents is making a video for each class.

-Staff is doing a video for the grade 6's in lieu of the "clap out" that they normally do on the last day.

-Susan and Sarah are developing a plan for parents/students to come into the school to collect their belongings and return items such as home reading and library books.

-There will be report cards issued.

-Staff continuing to work really hard with their classes and continuing to take courses to improve their programs.

-Kindergarten teachers have developed a website and they are reaching out to the new families who will be joining the school community for kindergarten in Fall 2020.

-Challenge – School Day gets locked down for the summer so communication will be difficult after end of June.

-Summer Learning Program – 15-20 students in grades 1 and 2 will be able to get some additional support this summer from teachers.

-Susan having a look at the teacher wish lists from this year because there are some extra funds because there haven't been the costs of photocopying etc. with the school closed.

-Susan looking at ordering some enhanced learning resources that will help students once we are back in school.

-All the teachers now have their licenses for the Math Up program.

-Jen asked if there is any discussion around a board-wide online math program that all students could access if we are online in the Fall.

-Davis asked if the board is preparing for a variety of scenarios for the Fall. Susan says she doesn't have any information yet.

-Continue to watch the board website to stay updated.

-School garden – in the past classes have planted the garden and parents have maintained it over the summer. Susan had a request from someone in the community asking if she could use the garden plots if no one else was going to use them. Discussion around posting it on the EZ parent Facebook group to see if there are also EZ families wanting to use the garden this summer.

-Mrs. Barber and Madame Bishop announced to the classes that they are retiring. Also Mrs. Zielke in the ESL department is retiring.

## **5. Other Stuff**

-received over \$500 in grocery store gift cards for families in need.

-discussion about what to do about pizza and pita refunds if people are requesting them. There were 3 pizza days that we missed because of the school being closed. Decision to email the parents and say if you want a refund for the 3 pizza days that you paid for then contact Joan. If you choose not to get a refund, money will be used towards school fundraising. With pita orders the money goes to nutrition for learning.

**-Motion to send the leftover pizza money that is not requested to be refunded to the general fundraising account – moved by Heather, second by Jola, approved by all voting members.**

-Corrie asked Susan about licenses for Lexia, a reading support program that is online. Could we spend some of our "home reading" money on this? There are regulations around what council money can be used for, Susan thinks maybe it could be used for this and could be designated under the topic of technology. Susan is not sure when the current licenses expire. Lexia is a program for students who need extra support with reading vs. home reading which is meant for a wider range of kids. It is around \$200 per license but school pays a lot less when it is bought through the school board.

-Decision to put on hold the buying of the home reading books until the Fall.

## **6. Play for All Update**

-We are so close to our goal!!

-Committee is meeting soon to discuss where they want to go from here.

## **7. Wrap up**

-motion to adjourn raised by Jo and second by Corrie, voted in favour by all voting members.