

EZ Parent Council Meeting

October 28, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Attendance

Voting Council Members

Corrie Ballantyne (Chair)

Heather Sequeira (Treasurer)

Joanna Thiessen (Secretary)

Ryan Gulka

Jola Gurska

Davis Neable

Krista Hunter

Anneliese Schwartz

Brooke Spearn

Non-voting Council Members and Guests

Susan Marchiori (Principal)

Sarah McNeil (Vice Principal)

Meaghan Gibbons

Pui Ming Leung

1. Welcome

2. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

-motion to approve September meeting minutes and October agenda – moved by Krista Hunter, second by Anneliese Schwartz, voted in favour by all voting members

3. Financial Summary

- looked at spreadsheet to see spending and fundraising from previous years
- \$8255.89 raised from Fun Fair Sept 2019 and allocated to Play for All
- Flower orders due Nov 4 and the funds raised will go to the Play for All project
- \$1195 raised from Fresh from the Farm for fall 2019 – pickup will likely be end of November or early December
- last year we made \$6300 from the Dance a thon for Gaga Ball pit
- wanting to continue to fund field trips and also home reading in addition to raising funds for Play for All
- this year \$1262 would be the cost for the symphony trip if we decide to do that this year
- historically we have spent \$2500-\$3200 for field trips
- \$398.72 remains in the greening account from previous years
- fundraising account contains magazine sales from last year (\$47) plus the \$1195 from Fresh from the Farm plus \$112 rolled over from last year's pizza sales
- historically we raise around \$15,000 per year in fundraising

4. Discuss School Fundraising Priorities

- last year Eco Club did the clothing recycling and it was an easy way to raise some \$ - Jola offers to run this for Parent Council – she will check with Erin Reader about whether or not she is planning on running this again
- Terra Cotta – this year we will be also doing one for the spring (April 8, 2020)
- Susan spoke to the teachers to ask what their “wish list” would be for school council support:
 - symphony trip would be \$1262 for the buses if we choose to do it this year
 - bus funding for trips in general – (we spent \$2500 for one trip per class in 2017)
 - teachers liked the French presentation we did last year – Chef a l’ecole (we spent \$800 on this last year)
 - Scientists in the School – (we spent \$2700 on this last year)
 - home reading for kindies

-motion to allocate \$1262 from Fundraising account to pay for buses to the symphony – Jo Thiessen moves the motion, Brooke Spearn seconds the motion, Jola Gurska abstains, voting members in favour: Jo Thiessen, Heather Sequeira, Anneliese Schwartz, Brooke Spearn, Ryan Gulka, Corrie Ballantyne

5. Update from Play For All

-Lion's Club has a grant that we are hoping to get – this is partly why we have partnered up with them to do the Bingo

-looking for volunteers November 2 and December 28 (1 person for each night) – 7:30pm until midnight – ezoutdoorcommittee@gmail.com

-so far raised \$13,000 – we have a plan for fundraisers that should get us up to \$30,000 by the end of this year

-looking for helpers to run some of the fundraisers – Meaghan has a list of fundraiser suggestions and is looking for some people to sign up to run these activities eg. Reo Thompson chocolate sales

-idea about asking teachers if families can give \$ to Play for All instead of holiday teacher gifts and anything over \$15 would get a tax receipt and over \$20 would also get a thank you card. Donations can be made via cash/cheque sent in to EZ or via the WEF link on the EZ website. Ideally we can find a person/corporation who can be a matching donor for this campaign. Susan will email the teachers to find out what the general feeling from the teachers would be about this

-Play for All has an Insta account - @ezplayforall

-Play for All committee is asking for help reaching out to get corporate donations

6. Update from Outreach

-looking at ESQ but it is \$900 this year and PRO grant no longer exists

7. Update from Greening

-forest clean-up was Oct 21, 2019 – parents volunteered to come and remove some overgrown plants

-visibility into the forest was not good because everything was overgrown and over time there was a build up of litter and clothing and other items in the forest

-now students are able to use this area (previously students were asked to stay out of this forest due to safety concerns)

-Susan sending home a permission form to certain classes for parents to sign to give permission for their kids to be in the forest during class time

8. School Report

-no time this meeting to cover EQAO update so we will put this at the top of the agenda for November

9. Wrap up

-Next meeting November 18th, 2019

-motion to adjourn the meeting – moved by Heather Sequiera second by Krista Hunter and voted yes by all voting members