

## EZ Parent Council Meeting

January 20, 2020 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Attendance

#### ***Voting Council Members***

Corrie Ballayntyne (Chair)  
Heather Sequeira (Treasurer)  
Davis Neable (Guest Secretary)  
Meaghan Gibbons  
Jola  
Erin Heimpel  
Anilese  
Krista Hunter

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

Susan Marchiori  
Sara MacNeil

#### **1) Welcome**

- No new attendees! Parent Council OG – holla ☺

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

- ***Motion to Approve of November Meeting Minutes & Motion to Approve of January Agenda***
  - i) Heather Moved
  - ii) Jola Second
  - iii) Motion carried

#### **3) Update from Outreach Committee**

- No update; nothing on the radar for 2020

#### **4) Update from Greening Committee**

- The Board took out two trees (on the hill by the playground) when it should have been just one ☹
- Jola thought it was a maple
- Took place after Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

- That second tree was about 80% healthy so we will need to make a call about what to do e.g. will they pay to replace?
- **ACTION:** Susan to follow up with the new Supervisor; can they replace it?
- Jola mentioned that it seems like more trees have been marked orange than originally
- If we have any question about the legitimacy of the marking, we should have Nathan return
- **ACTION:** Jola to check on the marked trees and follow back up with Susan

## 5) Financial Summary

- \$2 537.50 from last pizza order
- Fundraising :
  - i) Mable Labels \$140.07
  - ii) Terra Cotta: \$1,563.00
- Last year we didn't touch the pizza money until the end of the year and then allot it to a larger initiative
- What will we allot the Terra Cotta money to?
- Play4All Fundraising to date is currently at \$22 932.48
- Flippgive cheque just cut: ~\$1 700
- Bingo cheque due soon: \$1200
- Clothes donations are currently being stored in the boys change room
- Dance-a-Thon is coming up fast
  - i) January 27<sup>th</sup> is the kick off assembly
    - (1) Note: If the WRDSB is on rotating strike on that date, the kick-off will have to be rescheduled.
  - ii) February 21<sup>st</sup> is the event date
- Had previous discussion about having prizes for most \$ raised as an added incentive for fundraising; talked about it last year, but didn't follow through
  - i) Doesn't have to be elaborate
  - ii) Perhaps just like a class party? E.g. movie
  - iii) Is a competition even needed? The "prize" is the playground already 😊
  - iv) Lots of discussion about the pros/cons of having a competition around raising money
  - v) How would the money get counted or the "winner" be tallied? We'll need someone to own that piece.

vi) How do you delineate the money that is given online? This is a show stopper as it will not be possible to separate out the money by class.

- ***ACTION: Susan to double check if giving out the is included in the Work To Rule; may be give them out at kids exit the assembly***

- Kerri is officially organizing this event so will need to know where the funds are going
- Should we have communications made to clarify where our support is going from the Dance-a-Thon during the Work to Rule?
  - i) The group think this isn't necessary as it welcomes more of these behaviours and that is not our preferred communication channel
  - ii) Can post the meeting minutes to the "Parent Bulletin Board"
- Paid Professor Jams deposit of \$100

- ***Motion to dedicate the Dance-a-Thon funds to the Play for All initiative***

- i) Heather moved
- ii) Annilese seconded
- iii) Motion carried

## **6) Update from Play for All Committee**

- About 50% of the way there!
- Still looking for a matching donor for the Dance-a-Thon
  - i) Sorbara Law
  - ii) Lens Mill
  - iii) Condo Culture
  - iv) Susan left a message with Reeds Heritage Homes
- Other upcoming events:
  - i) March OR June: Modo Yoga will do their charity yoga class for the playground
  - ii) Organizing a Fitness day at Hustle and Flow; they will let them have a class on a Friday night/Sat/Sun – we would get all the proceeds except for the instructor fees
  - iii) April: Family movie night w/bake sale (Lions club women have offered to help)  
*Note: There are some guidelines for bake sales (e.g. signs to post about nuts etc.)*
  - iv) April: Vessies sale for bulbs and seeds (Jola)
  - v) Spring: Invited to participate in a Mennonite Farmer's Maple Syrup fundraising so are currently considering  
*Susan: It has to be a legitimate company selling this for it to fly with the school; look into who the supplier is e.g. Registered as a business*

- vi) Trivia night at Descents; big time fun BUT big time liability because have to guarantee everyone would spend at least \$20 in beverage ☹️. Decided this is too risky an event.
  - vii) Food Trucks share their sales with the location on which they sell e.g. churches. Is this something we might consider for the summer or when the school is out?
    - (1) Susan mentioned that she's only ever heard of the food trucks during events
    - (2) **ACTION: Susan to double check on food truck regulations (if any)**
    - (3) **ACTION: Erin to continue to investigate on the food truck side**
  - viii) Fun run: will end up with liability issues if this is held outside of school hours  
**ACTION: Corrie to follow up with Brooke on her intentions for this event**
  - ix) Gagaball Tournament: No planning done yet
- When can playgrounds be installed? Anytime throughout the year? Need an 8-week lead time  
**ACTION: Susan to find out from the schoolboard**

## 7) School Update

- New head custodian started today! Marilyn B
- January 24<sup>th</sup> is a PD Day
- The school website (<https://elz.wrdsb.ca/>) is the formal communication channel for any Work to Rule information
  - i) Any extra-curricular activities taking place during the school day are continued
  - ii) Any extra-curricular activities taking place outside of school hours are not allowed
  - iii) Teachers are not allowed to go on any school trips
- Started PALs (playground leaders)
  - i) Comprised of the WITS leaders to teach kids new games outside as an anxiety controlling activity when a kid doesn't
  - ii) Outside workshop facilitators came in to teach new games; will be giving a bin of equipment, too!
  - iii) 54 volunteers in Grades 4-6 running games for the kids, practicing their leadership skills
  - iv) Started to go into gym classes, too, using their newly learned games
- Safe care and inclusive activities
  - i) How might we better support anxious or otherwise excluded kids?
  - ii) Decided to do Friendship February – making scrapbooks with “how to be a great friend” advice, and stored in the library for future reference
  - iii) Will also be doing How to Be a Good Friend tips over the announcements in February

- iv) Also looking to do a piece for parent on how to continue to build children's social skills outside of school time; a list of free activities for family time
  - (1) Will probably have an online location for the content that will be shared through social media

**8) WRAPC update**

- Some pretty big and heavy topics will be discussed at the next one e.g. human trafficking and vaping
- Ask Corrie for dates if anyone is interested in attending (usually in advance of the EZ Parents Council meeting)

**9) Motion to Adjourn**

- REMINDER Next meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup> (following by March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **Motion to adjourn**
  - i) Heather moved
  - ii) Erin seconded
  - iii) Motion carried