

Edna Staebler School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2023

1. **Principal's Report - Susan Fryer-Davis**

- Teachers & teams are meeting to construct meaningful, planned **wish lists** on how they wish to spend the monies allotted for them (\$1200 for wish list items = \$50 per class)
- **Pan Canadian Assessment Plan:** our school has been randomly selected for this provincial assessment. 1 group of grade 8s will complete the assessment. Data is collected anonymously, and the assessment focuses on science, reading and math.
- **EQAO** testing dates will take place between May 10 and June 14. A new format was rolled out last year, and it rolled out well.
- Edna Staebler will partner with Laurelwood PS to offer a **Social Media/Media Literacy Info session** geared toward parents in February or March. This will be a virtual event, and the two schools will split the costs of this session (\$1200-\$1500). One school will host an in-person gathering so folks can participate in the session together if they choose, and it is hoped that a session for students (at least the intermediates) will take place during that same week.
- **School Reaching Out Grant** information has just been released. Applications are due next month.
- Grade 8 Graduation Photos are tomorrow!
- The **Science of Reading** program is underway and both French and English Teachers are collaborating to assess the resources available to support the science of reading in both streams. A consultant came in to help support teachers (especially French Immersion Teachers) review the resources available and how they are being used. Staff have found this helpful.
- Our **score board** is on the fritz, and () we are looking at how to get that fixed.

2. **Staff Update - Rebecca Scott**

- Storm Squad Sales are starting again. (1) **Candy Grams** will be sold mid February so students can send (halal and nut free) candy packages to friends in class. (2) **Snack Shack** is starting again in February. Students (grade 2 and up) can buy popcorn, chips, and frozen yogurt through the Snack Shack during Nutrition Break. Mr. Schoenherr is leading this (thank you!) and \$\$ raised will go toward field trip support, and student activities.

*Storm Squad is a leadership Club for students in Grades 7&8

3. **Fundraising**

- **Pizza Days** are going well. We have a schedule now for Storm Squad Helpers. () Treasurer will review orders for February and will then assess if we can extend the ordering period for pizza days.
- **Move-a-thon** taking place Wednesday, February 15th. Professional DJ is booked, items have been purchased to sell at the GLOW Store. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the gym and participate in the Move-a-thon. Pledge Sheets will go home so students can collect donations in support of their commitments to active living.

Committee agreed pledges should be returned by Feb 13th to help reduce confusion with pledge money and glow store money. Volunteers are needed to help sell our glow in the dark bling at the GLOW STORE during the event. () Call for volunteers will be made on school day (845-1130 shift or 11:30-2:30 shift) with other info about the event. () Jamie will see if the DJ can stay until 230 (not 2pm)

- We are waiting for Board Messaging regarding the **Home Reading** program. The science of reading investigations with staff is going well. The purpose of the home reading program is to strengthen connections in reading between home and school. The program review is to ensure we have appropriate resources to support the reading, and that they are being used effectively. The home reading program is being tweaked to reflect new research and best practices regarding what literacy instruction should look like in the classroom.

4. **Financial Report**

- Treasurer is waiting on some Book Fair and Pizza Day money in the system. Therefore () Stephanie will present the financial report next month (we are doing well now though)

5. **YMCA Update**

- March Break Program registration is open for kindergarten and school-aged children. There is limited space available due to staffing shortages.
- Summer Program Registration will open after March Break, and will be available for only Kindergarten aged children.

6. **Community Building Events**

- Movie Nights? Feedback was shared that they are a lot of work to organize and require a lot of volunteers to ensure they run smoothly.
- **Spring Event.** Committee is forming to start organizing a Spring Community Building Event (food trucks, raffle draw, cake walk, maybe an outdoor movie). Alicia, Bjanka, Alaina, Hanane, Melissa and Marty have volunteered to be on the Committee. Lori, Teresa and Melissa will put together a task list to outline details of previous years' events (Fun Fairs) for the Committee to review. As this will be our first big community building event since covid, we would like to keep this event FUN, but simple(er) than in past years ;)

7. **Other Business**

- Reminder there are info sessions coming up for the community to attend re: the Emergency Shelter at 1001 Erb Street. Info is posted on School Day
- Marty wondered about making/building Corsi Rosenthal Cubes (hepa filter) as class projects to help improve air quality in the classrooms.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Monday, February 27th, 2023

