

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes – February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

In Attendance: Tonya, Laura, Amy, Kristy, Ashley, Deb, Christina, Brad, Mike, Stephanie, Stephanie.

1. Meeting minutes approved from January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy
2. Principal's report:
  - Kindergarten registration 2024-2025 underway; please share with friend and neighbours
  - SPCA Fundraiser Feb 15 – Mar 5 (cupcake sales Feb 27-29)
  - Spirit Days (Red, Pink & White tomorrow; Beach Day Friday Mar 8)
  - Kodaly Choir (weekly Tuesday mornings) with Ms. Mairs. Concert is Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at The Center in the Square).
  - Free outdoor community concert at WO with Baden, Forest Glen, Sir Adam Beck, Wellesley, and WO on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  - Report cards home February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Contact your child's teacher at any time to discuss progress or any aspect of school success
  - Family Day – Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> – schools closed
  - Reading Week February 26 – March 1 (details to follow on School Day)
  - Staffing News: DECE Assandra Dunker (extended day AM – K2) for Tabitha Johnston (parental leave)
  - Valerie Piche's (2A – PM) long term assignment ends Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Melissa Barrow (Grade 2A – daily 1:30 to 3:40) partnering with Heather Pizey (daily 9:20 to 1:30)
  - Request for Council Funds for Rocks & Rings: they were a huge success with staff and students. We'd love to purchase our own at the cost of \$2836 which includes shipping and taxes. Requesting \$1418 from School Council – which would cover half. Steph (Treasurer) put forward motion to vote and Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council voted unanimously and will cover this half.
3. Treasurer's Report – after historic expenses are covered, remaining funds will be \$5056.29. To be addressed and voted on next meeting.
4. PRO Grant was headed up by New Dundee, need to find a new location for the presenter. WO said no to using their location after requested. Schools involved in grouping money this year are: Baden Public, New Dundee, Forest Glen, Grandview, and Sir Adam Beck. Topics and speakers are in discussion. Ashley will update as progress is made.
5. Fall Fair – Update by Stephanie Szusz on behalf of the Fall Fair: The Fall Fair is a very important part of the roots of this community. This community was built on agriculture and often the staff at schools also worked in farming or came from farming. We want to support and encourage leadership by showcasing talents of the students in the Fair by having them enter baking and art. We want to have positive relationships with the schools in the community to encourage participation of our local students. The Fair also wants to foster good relationships with each school and Stephanie is going to attend each Parent Council at all the local schools to share this. They would like to give our Fair Books and Free Passes for our students.
6. Hot Lunch Update – excited about the new 'whole month button'! Good feedback about that. Process for ordering pancakes and sausage from Breakfast Club is different but effective.

Sending another School Day Reminder about this with instructions to help support anyone with questions. Hot lunches overall going very well.

7. Breakfast Club – going well! Excited to do the Pancake and Sausage Lunch on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers going well for Monday prep days and Tuesdays in school. Planning for one lunch each month from Breakfast Club for the rest of the year pending volunteers.
8. Movie Night – Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Movie Night! Steph and Laura working on this event. This year will be a Superhero Theme. Pizza dinner and snacks available. Possibly getting Leadership team to volunteer as well for the night of. There will be a movie in the gym and activities for older kids in the library with a volunteer. This was kids can choose what they want to do. Event coming along well.
9. Volunteers – online sign ups going well. Discussion about creating a volunteer sign up list to keep to have a master list of volunteers to contact for events or when we are short. Maybe all inclusive platform to help with volunteer sign ups; perhaps having all events on the same sign up page. Good feedback about the online signs up, people seem to really like the set up.
10. Fun Fair – we are planning the Fun Fair for June – as long as we get enough volunteers. More info to follow closer to the date.
11. No April meeting, Tonya to send email to let everyone know. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the school.
12. Deb motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy.