**Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

7:00 pm

Present: Sharon McKeown, Karen Canapini, Michelle Bush Broga, Crystal Bechtel, Tara Delaney, Stacey Lawrence, Jill Bolender, Alicia Young, Jesse Sabbagh, Kristin Lovell, Kara Hall, Kyly Miller, Sabina Voisin

Regrets: Rebecca Jutzi, Susan Ford, Jen Regimbald, Christine Sciascetti, Rebecca Mills, Rose Kowalczyk

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2023**

* Approved as read - Alicia motioned to approve, Jesse seconded, approved unanimously.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   * $61,361.21 opening balance
   * Revenue in: $149.00 additional pizza funds
   * Expenses out: $3616.28 Kiddie Fun Trax deposit, $4290.00 term 3 pizza payment, $361.95 Danceathon prizes, $162.37 Family Games Night expenses, $184.73 March School-Day fees, $706.27 + $317.30 ACE and sensory equipment
   * Pending revenue: $500.00 PRO Grant, $325.00 Feb. pizza night, $155.00 additional Danceathon online funds
   * Pending expenses: $43.73 ACE coffee cart, $698.86 sensory equipment, $300.00 fun fair deposits, $621.50 gr8 grad photo booth, $11,440.00 term 3 pizza pending costs, $289.39 additional council t-shirts, $500.00 Nutrition for Learning donation, $2000.00 track & field supplies for Phys Ed department, $2400.00 pop-up tents x2
   * $34,557.83 available balance
2. **Principal/Vice-Principal Update**

Principal’s Update – Rebecca Jutzi (absent)

Vice-Principal’s Update – Karen Canapini

* + May 17 - garden clean-up: all gr5/6 students will be doing this in a rotation during the school day, starting around 11:15am. Mulch will arrive Wednesday morning. Mr. Akgol is organizing the classes, and the other junior teachers are helping. Some teachers are able to bring tools, but more would be helpful please, along with wheelbarrows.
  + May 19 - Jr. Track & Field day at JHSS (rain date is May 25)
  + May 24 - Sr. Track & Field regionals (during the day)
  + June 1 - Sr. Track & Field county finals (evening)
  + June 5-9 - EQAO for gr3 & gr6
  + June 8 - Jr. Track & Field divisional meet
  + June 9 - Fun Fair 5-8pm
  + June 13 - gr3 “swim to survive” for 3 days
  + June 21 - gr8 Canada’s Wonderland trip
* The gr7/8 trip to the Blue Jays game seemed to go really well and was a great experience especially for students who had never been to Toronto.
* Gr7/8 track & field day was a wonderful, sunny day! Lots of parents came out to watch as well.
* Gr8’s are trying to raise funds for their Canada’s Wonderland trip to help offset the costs. There are still some Smencils remaining for sale this week ($2 each). Freezies are for sale this Thursday ($1 for ½ a jumbo freezie).

1. **New Business/Fundraising**

Kindy Sandbox

* We’re waiting for quotes to come back in. Admin must get at least 3 quotes per board policies.

1. **Other business**

Family Games Night feedback

* Thank you to everyone who came out to help! It seemed like everyone had a lot of fun. We had 50-70 families come out. It worked really well in the classrooms used (older student classes), as there was less stuff to touch, etc. in that area.

Fun Fair - June 9, 2023 5-8pm (Jill Bolender)

* Reminder: THIS IS AN ALL HANDS ON DECK EVENT! From right after school if at all possible, or even for the afternoon. Plus cleanup at the end. We schedule breaks to eat & be with your family.
* Jill negotiated a final price of $8000 for Kiddie Fun Trax rides vs. originally almost $8700.
* Kristin has submitted the grant request to City of Cambridge, we should hear the result this week
* We have a Spiderman costume available, but need a volunteer to wear it. Would fit a medium-tall gr8.
* Marian has sent an email out to former students to volunteers at games, etc.
* Athletic Council students have signed up to help at Fun Fair too, including in the Big Kahuna.
* Kiddie Fun Trax provides one staff member per ride, but we also need to provide an additional person per ride (sometimes 2 people). We can use students to run the games.
* BBQ permit is approved, thank you Susan for chasing that. We need to have a hot-water hand washing station at the BBQ with a bucket to catch waste water.
* We need to borrow coolers from anyone who can lend one or more from council please!
* We will separate the pre-order ice cream from the extra to sell on the night of so that we don’t oversell.
* No Cambridge Kips Gymnastics this year because they are currently not operational. Dynamo does not seem interested. Kara will reach out to Element Dance Arts to see if they would bring their acro equipment for a “try-it” zone.
* Fire truck will be there from 6-7pm (assuming no emergency call). We’re waiting to hear from police and paramedics.
* Hespeler Tennis could use the corner wall by new climber this time. This will keep them away from the Big Kahuna water run-off and we’ll have more rides, etc. to spread out so that will naturally send people over that way.
* We have Bennett’s BBQ (burgers), Susan’s BBQ (hot dogs), Kara’s camping BBQ (veggie burgers by pre-order only) to borrow. Sabina & Kristin have electric coolers we can use to keep food hot if needed. Freezer packs need to be frozen at home and brought the day of. Coolers can be delivered anytime the week of when we’re here to put them in the portable.
* Silent Auction (Kristin): going really well - we have over $5000 in donations so far! There’s a wide variety of items/values. Anything “melty”? No, those types of stores/items are gift cards instead.
* Kiddie Prize Draw - there are some items in the portable already, but we need more please! Feel free to drop off to Jill, Sabina or Sharon (new, unopened toys/games), or Kara is available 1st period every day to receive items at school.
* Jill is sponsoring Stacy’s Facepainting from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be pre-determined options to choose from, it will take about 1 minute per kid so we should be able to get a lot of kids through.
* We need cash boxes - Sharon will check with admin.
* Jill & Stacey are working on getting popcorn/cotton candy finalized. No bake sale.
* Michelle Cook is giving us a flip chart for kiddie prize draw.
* We have royal blue aprons for BBQ volunteers now. Crystal will add the school logo to them (Sabina to send to Crystal).
* We NEED more volunteers for BBQ! Michelle Cook is checking with Julie Halter. We need at least 5 more people. Michelle B-B. will contact Janice Koiter to see if she’d come back to help.
* Classroom Baskets (Kara) - a list of themes goes out to staff and teachers sign their class up to donate items on that theme. We then make it look nice and assign a starting value to the basket for the silent auction. Information will be sent out very soon for classes that are participating. Sometimes we’ve had enough per theme to divide into 2 baskets. There are 15 committed themes so far. Kara will send a reminder to teachers as well to see if anyone else wants to sign up. Baskets are due May 31. Kara will spend mornings the week of assembling & pricing baskets.
* Kara will also put out an all-call for any teachers that can help before/during/after the event.
* Susan ordered picnic tables.
* Kyly will organize the volunteer schedule.
* Admin has ordered 50 tables.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:59pm**

Jill motioned to adjourn, adjourned.

**Next meeting: June (date TBD) social gathering**