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

**MINUTES**

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

7:00 pm

Present: Rebecca Jutzi, Karen Canapini, Sharon McKeown, Sabina Voisin, Crystal Bechtel, Tara Delaney, Alicia Young, Darcie Black, Melissa Legros-Cronkwright, Jesse Sabbagh, Kyly Miller, Michelle Bush Broga, Chris Sciascetti, Stacey Lawrence, Kristin Lovell, Cheryl Tawse, Jill Bolender, Marissa Glen, Kara Hall, Rebecca Mills, Carra Myers, Jaclyn Green, Cassie Bolland

Regrets: Susan Ford, Brooke Pate, Kylie Oliver

1. **Welcome**

* Welcome by Sharon
* Sharon proposed that we all agree to stick to the agenda in order to keep our meetings a reasonable length. If there is something you would like to discuss, please email Sharon and often she/admin can answer/solve it outside of a meeting without it needing to be a full-group item. If needed, it can be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2023**

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

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   * Opening balance of $48,261.27
   * Revenue in: $15,930.00 + $5180.00 term 1 pizza, $45,334.00 chocolate bars
   * Expenses out: $910.15 sensory items from June 2023, $7.66 coin rollers for cash deposits, $485.86 School-Day fees for pizza
   * Pending items/allocations: $4486.00 Kindy sandbox, $240.00 sign repair, $6000.00 fun fair deposits, $1000.00 social events, $1000.00 parent workshops, $500.00 garden cleanup, $5000.00 laminator, $5 projectors + 5 document cameras $9605.00, $14,980.50 term 1 pizza expenses, $2000.00 Kindy iPad covers, $2000.00 gr1/2 Dreambox subscriptions for 5 classes, $26,798.99 chocolate bar invoice (not yet finalized but is accurate cost)
   * Available balance is $38,836.51
2. **Principal/Vice-Principal Update**

Principal’s Update – Rebecca Jutzi

* Report cards were sent home today. Feel free to set up a meeting with your child’s teacher if you have anything you’d like to discuss. There is no formal day for interviews.
* Samantha Bedford has been hired to the 0.6 planning time position.
* Michelle Hearn is off on leave, Jamie Adamson is here as LTO for her.
* We had an assembly on Friday about growth mindset, very positive feedback about it.
* Social media continues to be a concern with students. We have White Hatter (from Victoria, B.C.) booked on Dec. 8 for live virtual 75-minute presentations (gr4/5, gr6-8) about social media safety, privacy, etc.
* High school visits are coming up for gr8’s, along with information about magnet programs offered. Parent nights also happen for all the high schools.
* We again have a possibility for intermediate students (gr7/8) to go to a Blue Jay’s baseball game in the spring (April). We do subsidize families who ask for help. Admin is open to feedback on this, bussing costs are going up & up. Rebecca would rather not ask for more than $50 per student for a school trip.
* The current “school” game day happens to be on our PD Day. So, this doesn’t work for us. They would then have to go to a 3pm game on a different day, and the tickets cost more. Busses are $1600 per bus x3 busses.
* Would council support $8 per student for 192 students? To bring the cost down to $50 per student.
* Are we hoping to continue offering this trip in the coming years as something that will continue to benefit students? This is a trip that the PE teachers organize voluntarily. It may change over the years, but council could support other things that may happen in the future too.
* Jill motioned to allocate $2000 to the intermediate field trip this year. Jesse seconded, approved unanimously.
* Look at making things equitable in terms of supporting all the grades over the course of the year.
* Gr8’s are also fundraising for their year-end trip with popcorn sales & smencils.
* CARE days are the week before winter break for gr7/8’s. They rotate between different activities for the last block of each day that week. Put on by PE dept. Can bring in a donation for the activities and it goes to a charity.
* We’ll end the year with a staff/students volleyball game on the last day before the break.
* This week gr8’s are going to see the Eastwood Gala show.

Vice-Principal’s Update – Karen Canapini

Dates to note

* + Nov. 24: moustache day for Movember
  + Student council has started a toy drive for NEW toys, clothing, personal hygiene products. Items will get distributed via Lutherwood but if you know a school family that could use support please let admin know as they will get priority.
  + Dec. 8: Smencil pre-sales - max. 10 per person, $2 each.
  + Dec. 12: Winter concert 6:30-7:30pm
  + Dec. 15: Choirs sing O’ Canada at the Guelph Storm game
  + Volleyball is ongoing through December.
  + Basketball starts in January.
  + Feb 23: Optional ski/snowboard day at Chicopee for gr5-8.
  + Chicopee tubing trip will be on a different day for gr1-4 (date pending).

1. **New Business/Fundraising**

Vendor Sale: December 3, 2023

* Flyers - please keep sharing!
* Additional area is confirmed for extra tables in the hallway. All sold!
* Set up time: Saturday Dec. 2 @ 9am for 1-1.5 hours max.
* No coffee from Tim Horton’s, Mark has sold his location. Stacey will ask Bishop’s Brew for coffee - both they and Grind House are donating to the bake sale.
* Crystal set up a Facebook event - look for it, like, share, invite people!
* People will be hand-stamped at entry because we have a different setup with the extra tables so people will need to be able to pass by admission table after they’ve paid for entry.
* Ordered 20 new lawn signs
* DAY OF: as many hours as you can help is needed please! 8am-4pm, extra family members are welcome at 3pm for tear-down.
* Stacey - bake sale: please make nut-free items! We all bake as much as possible, reach out to family/friends too please! Ideally pre-package your items (ie: 6 cookies, small tray of items, bag of 2-4 squares, etc). Zehrs, Grind House & Bishops Brew are all donating items. Reach out to Stacey directly if you’d like to drop off at her house the day before.
* Sharon will set up a Google Sheet for baking sign up. We’ll take cakes to sell whole but we’re not doing a cake raffle.

Chocolate bar fundraiser

* Big thanks to all who helped, it was a lot of work!
* We’ll discuss next meeting what we might do next year.
* Sharon is in the process of getting the kids their prizes. Draw will still happen for one more student. Arlene & Stephanie are being given a thank you card & gift from council for their incredible help!

Lunch Box/ESNS

* Thank you Marissa for all the info you sent. Neither company requires a specific fundraising mark-up, we decide what what we want to add as a fundraising amount.
* Try something that’s not hot so it’s not an issue
* There’s potential that if we run it as a service, instead of a fundraiser then we might have some drop off from pizza. Right now we don’t want to lose the revenue we make on pizza.
* Proposal is to try it out once a month on the last Thursday of each month, with one restaurant each time and see how it works.
* We will need a parent volunteer to oversee distribution & student runners to deliver to classes.
* Jill motioned to try out once monthly sales. Jesse seconded, approved unanimously.

Magic Show

* We have a game in the gym until 5pm, so any setup has to happen after that.
* If using chairs we’ll need a lot of time & people to set it up. Need at least some chairs for people who can’t sit on a mat on the floor.
* Kids must sit with their parents/guardians!
* Proposal is to do mixed floor/chair seating, bring your own blanket and you must sit together as a family! Set up white chairs across the back for anyone who needs a proper seat.
* Volunteers are needed for chair setup help @ 5pm, some athletic council kids are planning to stay & help after the game. Also need some people to help after the show and we can ask the crowd to help stack chairs like do after the winter concert.
* 390 registered as attending.
* Magician will be on the stage. He will arrive @ 5pm to set up.

1. **Other business**

* Mad Science - will we offer this again? It’s a paid science exploration program for an 8-week term after school for gr1-6. Historically we’ve have good interest. Rebecca will tell them we’re interested so they come to do an assembly.
* Winter concert help - we need 10 council members to come help on Tues. Dec. 12 with decorating & distributing juice & cookies after the concert, plus cleaning up chairs. (Crystal, Sabina, Sharon, Kara, Kristin, Melissa, Rebecca, Kyly, Jill, Stacey) (Rebecca & Melissa will get soft iced cookies & berry punch frozen juice)
* Wish list items purchased - Dreambox licenses; Arlene is looking at more iPad covers, the 10 donated by Cassie fit.
* Kindy social funds - they have reached out for support with cookies/juice for their own Kindy winter open houses. Kara motioned to allocate $50 per class x4 classes ($200). Jill 2nd seconded, approved unanimously.
* We received a $15,000 grant for Nutrition For Learning! So Council support is no longer needed.

**Council members - remember to wear your yellow t-shirts to all events!**

**We have pinnies to lend, or we have extra t-shirts for purchase.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:25pm**

Jill motioned to adjourn, Jesse seconded, adjourned.

**Next meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 - Holiday Social**

**At Sharon’s house, details to follow. This is not a formal meeting.**

**(3rd Monday of the month)**

**Meeting Dates:** Jan. 15, Feb. 12 (early to avoid Family Day), Mar. 18,

Apr. 15, May 13 (early to avoid Victoria Day), June (date TBD)