

Meadowlane School Council

December 2021 Minutes

Elections

- 1) Chair- Alyssa
- 2) Co-Chair- Ashley
- 3) Secretary- Sarah and Patti
- 4) Treasurer- Tanya

730PM – Ashley opened meeting

Review and approve November minutes

Approved

Treasurers Report

First Report with figures since the pandemic started!

Phillip shared the financial document from the fundraising to-date:

Deposits for past popcorn sales, a misc. deposit and Rheo Thompson have been done since the last meeting

Rheo Thompson raised \$1968.38

After paying out Rheo invoice, the total amount carried over was \$2528.18. Added to the existing carryover in the School Council account of \$11,491.26.

Update on ongoing fundraising (amounts to-date):

Mabel's labels: \$44.32

Flipgive: \$136

Factory Shoe: \$115

Pizza Night x3: \$560

That's a total of \$855 so far, and still collecting funds.

Teachers Rep – Jane Jones

Phillip asked her to reach out to some of the other teachers for ideas on where council funds could be allocated.

Kindie Area winter toys – not much for them to play with outside, kids are digging holes everywhere.

Jane read out the estimated costs from the first supplier from the proposed Kindie Area Plan:

Area 1: Log Pile - \$13,400

Area 2: Sandbox - \$15.00 +awning and \$3,000 for an asphalt path around

Area 3: Playhouse -\$17,800

Area 4: Slide - \$10,000

Area 5: Table and chairs - \$14,900

The other request was for more Wiggle Chairs in the classrooms. The teacher would like to see more. Price range varies \$60-\$200

Because of COVID, more toys outside aren't a good idea right now. Too hard to control if they are shared outside of cohorts. Risk is too high.

### Principal's Report

School year has been going well so far; staff is glad to be back in-class with students.

Mixed messages on whether it will be in-person learning for the return in January. Board sent out a message that all students in the region would be bring home learning devices (chomebook) this week, however no official word that we won't be returning.

As of now, students will be returning to in-person learning at Meadowlane.

If there is no return, Phillip or teachers will be reaching out with the steps for the collection of e-learning devices, and how/when to come pickup.

Only change to the use of e-learning devices (if needed), will be that a Device Agreement will need to be signed, to pay the \$50 fix fee if it gets damaged.

For the return in the New Year, the mandatory screening will resume, it is two components:

- Online screening tool through the board website and;
- Filling out the screening document, parent initialled, and sent back to the school everyday for two weeks

No real change in staffing. French teacher is on leave for the rest of the school year, currently being filled by supply teachers.

Secreretary Patti Baird filling in for Kim, is looking at other positions and may not return to school in the New Year. Kim may not be coming back. Looking to fill position in that outcome.

Over the break the painting in the school will continue; washrooms will be done.

WSRB walkthrough happened, and the folding pod walls were looked at as they are no longer a need, and they have had things like whiteboards mounted to them. Looking to replace with studded walls that will give the classrooms, more outlets, better acoustics, etc.

Continuing with the finishing of the interior. Ceiling tiles are also on the list, as they are dated.

Skate Rink boards went up, parent volunteers will be flooding as the weather permits. The rink will not be accessible during school hours. Doubtful it will be used by teachers during the school day, too may safety measures to contend with. After school hours and weekends, it will be available.

Lexia presentation was supposed to happen tonight, it has been set to possibly happen at next Council meeting.

First quote came in for the Kindie Area Project. Require a minimum of 3 quotes and board approval before moving forward. Prices read out by Mrs. Jones tonight. Project will be happening piece by piece/ area by area.

### Council Objective

Fundraising ideas for the new year?

Crumbly Cookie Dough Co.- Edible cookie dough

Plantables- for the spring gardening season.

Indigo Event- still on the table, one-time event. In-store.

MacMillian's – Ready-to-bake doughs, BBQ meats, and more.

Will address New Year fundraising plans at January meeting.

\*\*Alyssa, touched on the structure of Rheo Thompson order pickup on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Misc.

Phillip reminded Council about Parent Reach Out Grant (\$750), Council needs to decide how to use it. We need to decide by January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Involvement Grant (\$500), no deadline.

\*\* Mrs. Jones suggested reaching out to get info for Council on "Teach and Learn" sessions, wide range of topics: family health and nutrition, coping during this time.

Ideas discussed: online safety/awareness for kids and parent, an area of mental health, ie. coping strategies right now.

Next meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

830PM - Ashley Closed meeting