

New Dundee Parent Council Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2019

Attendees:

Principal Laura Hagey-Nichols, Jeff Heer, Rebecca (chair), Noel (secretary), Julie, Brittany, Angie
Special guest from Wilmot Family Resource Centre - Ashley Shaw

Regrets: Dave

1. Wilmot Family Resource Centre programming in New Dundee

- Ashley Shaw is a new Child And Youth Worker at WFRC funded through two-year Rural Child Wellbeing pilot project by the Lyle Hallman foundation
- WFRC provides programming and activities like summer camps and the like are in New Hamburg and Baden.
- Ashley's role is to provide programming & support for children outside of the main hubs in the townships i.e. New Dundee & St. Agatha
- She is looking for input on what this community would like to see offered.
- Could she offer pop-up group sessions over school nutrition breaks to speak about anxiety and other mental-health checks
- Ashley is planning to offer a 6-week after school art-based program at NDPS. Ten students would be the likely cap, but it would be a registered program free of charge. The program could begin mid-May.
- Possibly build a program that focuses on encouraging community volunteerism
- PD Day programs could also be offered if there is interest
- Drop-in programs for older kids (10+) to hang out, play sports and games might be worth trying.

2. Financial Report

2.1. \$3,970.12 Raised from Dance-a-thon

2.2. Closing Balance at end of March **\$3,973.86** + WEFI Balance **\$8,689.85**

2.3. Grants:

- PIC grant (\$500.00) has been given to the school. No outlet for the grant yet.
- **Julie** will look into Canada Post grant and update last year's application
- PRO (parent reaching out grant, \$1,000.00) will be spent tomorrow for the event with Cat Coode

2.4. Upcoming Expenditures

- **\$1,000.00** has been earmarked for field trip bussing expenses
- Approximately **\$300.00** will also need to be spent to cover additional expenses for Cat Coode
- Grade 6 graduation expenses - Grad trip (TBD), locker locks (**\$200.00**)
- Student's entertainer for staff appreciation lunch (**~\$500**)
- Pinnies have been purchased for use with the sports teams (\$17.50 each x 50 units) **\$988.75** total
 - Rebecca moves to pay for the pinnies, Brittany seconded.
- Council to offer **\$2000.00** for discretionary expenditures for technology. Examples include Chrome books or iPads. Ms. Hagey-Nichols and Mr. McKenzie will work to find the greatest need/benefit.

- Rebecca moves to carry, Angie seconded.

2.5. Additional Expenditure Suggestions

- Re-paint the lines on the tarmac for activities (e.g. four-square) – **Laura to investigate**
- A basketball game for sized for primary-aged students – **Laura to investigate**
- Create a banner for the Dragon Run – **Laura to investigate**
- Support for school clubs – Eco, Coding, etc.?

3. Principal's Report

3.1. Staffing

- Enrollment is down 7 so far for next year, but the staff levels should remain the same

3.2. Earth Day, Thursday April 18th

- Event may be postponed due to weather

3.3. We Walk for Water, Friday April 26th

- Walking to Alder Lake to learn and appreciate water

3.4. Junior Indiana Basketball Tournament, Sunday May 5th

- 25 Grade 4 to 6 aged students will be participating at this tournament

3.5. Dragon Run, May 15th

- Training will begin soon
- Certificates will be given to participants
- This is the 30th year of the Run!

3.6. Teacher appreciation lunch

- An entertainer will be required for 1 hour in the middle block
- Food to be coordinated by a council with donations from school families

3.7. Volunteer appreciation breakfast

- Friday, June 14

3.8. EQAO Testing Dates

- Grade 6 – May 22-24
- Grade 3 – May 28-30
- Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure their children attend school for test days as it is a good learning experience for students and it's important to have maximum participation for test results accuracy.

3.9. Track and Field day at NDPS

- June 7th for Junior Students

3.10. Kodaly Performance, May 7th

- 7 or 8 staff members will be going to view the performance
- 1 more bus will be required for another group practice session

3.11. Kindergarten Information Night, May 1st

- Currently there are 14 registrants for Junior Kindergarten

4. Activity Planning

4.1. April 17th Cat Coode Presentation:

- Books are ready for the door prizes
- 24 people are registered to attend
- Child care is arranged
- Snacks are arranged

4.2. Victoria Day Parade Float

- The Hallman's can offer a tractor/trailer and driver to use for the parade

4.3. Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Date yet to be determined, **Laura** will identify some possible dates June 11th through June 20th and run them by Council
- **Angie** has a lead on an entertainer for students during this time (12-1pm)
- **Julie** will try to find a volunteer to co-ordinate the food donations through Google Docs
- Will also need volunteers to help organize, serve and clean-up as well as monitor kids in the gym

5. Spring Gardens Clean Up

5.1. Eco-club to tackle the gardens as a part of Earth Day activities

5.2. **Brittany** is able spend some time in the front gardens to spruce things up if needed

6. School Council Membership

6.1. Will need new members next year and beyond as some long-standing members will be moving on

6.2. Flyers to be handed out at the talk tomorrow and at the Kindergarten welcome night to recruit new members and volunteers

6.3. Will also spread the word on School Day and in places like the ND Mom's Facebook group

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Future Meeting: Tuesday May 21st, at 7pm – will plan September/early fall activities