

Stewart Avenue - School Council

Minutes - October 25, 2023

Location: Library & Online Time: 6:30 pm start

Attendance: Attendance: Brittany Austin, Lisa Gubitza, Taylor and Curtis Flietstra, Radhiyah Mojisola, Carol Coyle (Principal) and Anne MacInnes (Vice Principal)

Item	Person Presenting	Time Allocated	Notes
1. Welcome	Carol	5 min	
2. Principal's report	Carol	5 min	See Reverse
3. Treasurer report & Update on previous requests for funds	Carol	15 min	Board still hasn't switched the accounts. It has yet to have been transferred to Lisa.
<p>Previous requests for funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$3000.00 walkie talkies - \$200.00 basketball nets - \$1000.00 for Grade 8 celebration (June 2024) - \$350.00 eco club gardening items - \$2800.00 for anti-black racism presentations Gr. 4-8 - \$300.00 sewing club materials - \$2000.00 for Nutrition for Learning - \$100 for Nutrition for Learning cooler bags - \$800 for busing for a drama trip Gr. 2 - 4/5 - \$1500 for volleyball jerseys <p>Total = \$12050.00</p> <p>Continuing previous funds: \$500 for mascot upkeep \$500 for grounds upkeep</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walkie talkies ordered - delivery estimated March 2024 (backordered) - Basketball nets ordered - delivery estimated next week - Eco club has started and will be using these funds throughout the year - Currently booking the presentations - N4L money being sent for deposit - N4L cooler bags purchased - Drama trip booked - cost is reduced for families by \$6 per student due to your support - Volleyball jerseys ordered - cost is under the amount you provided (approx \$1200)
<p>4. Additional requests for funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recess equipment for each primary/ junior/intermediate classes (23 classes x \$150 = \$3450) - School activity days 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (8 activity days Nov - June x \$200 per activity = \$1600) - \$800 for bussing for a music trip for Gr. 1 & 1/2 - Cookie sheets for UFLI magnets (75 x \$4.00 = \$300) <p>Total requested: \$6150.00</p>			
5. Other fundraising discussions	Whole committee	20 min	-Discussion about hot dog days and to be brought back to the agenda at a later date. -Looking at researching and beginning discussions for fundraising and putting in an accessible playground on site. Will continue to look at pricing and research a structure like that.
6. Any additional items/questions	Whole committee	10 min	Spirit Wear - coming soon! Next meeting date: November 22, 2023

Principal's Notes - Oct. 25/23

- Lots of clubs and intramurals started - Volleyball tryouts are currently happening. Examples such as: Eco club, sewing club, leadership club, lunch helpers, pizza helpers,
- Pizza days are a huge success (Fridays) - thanks to Taylor and Liz. Online orders and cash same day orders are being used.
- Cookie days have started last week (Tuesdays) - online ordering will be available for kindergarten families starting in November. All other students are having cash same day orders. Cookie profits are being used to support special education programs.
- Popcorn days will be starting next week (Thursdays). Online orders for kindergarten will be used, and cash same day orders for the remainder of the school. Popcorn profits will be used for supporting the music program.
- Many classes have already gone on field trips this year, or there are trips in the works. Some of our junior and primary classes had trips to the outdoor education centre, our Intermediate classes visited Glenview as part of a physical education unit, our Grade 1s will be going on a music trip, some of our primary and junior classes will be going on a drama trip this month.
- Our student leadership group will be organizing school spirit days and school activity days again this year.
- We had our Grade 8 Parent Evening about the transition to high school. This evening was very well attended and presented by our Guidance counselor Mr. DeFazio.
- We have a new Library Clerk - Ms. Harris. This week was her first week at Stewart Avenue and she should be starting library book exchanges again next week.
- Our School Improvement Plans for this school year are twofold:
 - LITERACY GOAL:
 - Improving student reading ability in all grades - to provincial standards and higher.
 - K - Gr. 2 - Implementing UFLI and Heggerty as high yield strategies (Phonemic Awareness and Decoding)
 - Gr. 3 - 8 - Implementing daily morpheme and grapheme word work (Decoding multisyllabic words and

focus on language structures)

- SCHOOL CLIMATE GOAL: Every student should feel connected to at least one adult in the building.
- Next PD day is Monday, November 13