

Stewart Avenue - School Council

Minutes - January 24, 2024

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

Attendance: Taylor Flietstra, Christina White, Tanya Bromley, Heather Ashworth, Cuyler Morra, Anne MacInnes

Item	Person Presenting	Time Allocated	Notes
1. Welcome	Anne	5 min	
2. Principal's report	Anne	5 min	-See notes at bottom
3. Treasurer report & Update on previous requests for funds	Anne	15 min	-Reviewed Bank Statements
<p>Previous requests for funds - Sept/23:</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>Previous requests for funds - Oct/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recess equipment for each primary/ junior/intermediate classes (23 classes x \$150 = \$3450) - School activity days - (8 activity days Nov - June x \$200 per activity = \$1600) - \$800 for busing for a 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walkie talkies ordered - delivery estimated March 2024 (backordered) - Basketball nets received - will put up in spring - Eco club has started and will be using these funds throughout the year - Rather than book anti-black racism presentations, the school collaborated with Central P.S. and booked Paul Davis for school presentations and a parent evening presentation. Cost to be updated. - 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 received - \$1384.60 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recess equipment received and sent out to classes - Bussing trip already occurred - \$800

<p>music trip for Gr. 1 & 1/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie sheets for UFLI magnets (75 x \$4.00 = \$300) <p>Total requested: \$6150.00</p> <p>Continuing previous funds: \$500 for mascot upkeep \$500 for grounds upkeep</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie sheets purchased for UFLI and being used now - \$345 (includes taxes)
<p>4. Additional requests for funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 guitars for guitar club (looking at junior/intermediate students) - \$150 x 8 = \$1200 max requested - Sleeves for Kindergarten registration items - \$25 - Parent presentation Feb. 15 on Social Media (with Central PS) - \$800 plus tax 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Decision to hold off on approving funds for guitar club as it will only service a small group of students at a time. Look to see if we can get community donations of guitars. -Approved Kindergarten items -Approved Social Media Presentation
<p>5. Other fundraising discussions</p>	Whole committee	20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Christina to look into other fundraising ideas for our next council meeting. -Council in agreement to look towards fundraising towards a large project - an accessible playground. School is looking into grants that could be accessed for the project and quotes. -Need more members to increase the number of school activities offered (ie movie nights, special activities) Ideas to promote council with Kindergarten registration, Kindy info night etc
<p>6. Any additional items/questions</p>	Whole committee	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Christina to investigate creating a social media presence for the School Council to increase interest and visibility of Council and school events.

Principal's Notes - Jan. 24/24

- Dental screening for Grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 7 took place in November
- Grade 7 immunization clinic was in November - for mandatory vaccinations
- Progress reports went home November 20
- Grade 8s participated in High School day in November (their high school visit tour)
- Bus evacuation yearly drill occurred in November - this is completed for every student even if they do not take a bus to get to school (in case they are on a field trip in the year).
- Winter concert was Dec. 7 - we had multiple concert times throughout the day and evening. Was very well attended and we had lots of positive feedback from families.

- Intermediate and Jr Volleyball seasons happened - we hosted multiple games
- Intermediate and Jr. Basketball seasons are happening now
- School spirit day on Jan 31 - Dress like an educator/Dress like a student day
- Next school spirit day is Feb. 14 - Red and Pink day
- Report cards - will be going out to families on Friday, February 15. This is a change from the original date of February 12. We will be sending a School Day message out shortly to families about the change in date.
- Term 2 IEPs - students who have an IEP will be given their Term 2 IEPs to go home on Tuesday, February 20.
- Grade 8 celebration photos are in the library on Tuesday, February 20.
- Grade 8 celebration date has been determined by the student celebration committee to be Wednesday, June 26 in the evening. More details will follow as the committee plans the celebration event.
- Food sales continue - Cookies on Tuesday (funds raised go to special education), Popcorn on Thursdays (funds raised to go the music program), Pizza on Fridays (funds raised go to various school purchases, e.g. transportation for field trips)