

Wellesley Public School - School Council Meeting
Thursday June 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Brian Beney, Lindsay Kurt, Lisa Windling, Mel Quint, Rosanne Robinson, Chantel Franklin, Jasveen Kienitz, Nilay Guler, Cassandra Pomeroy

Regrets: Tina Gerber, Melissa Turner

May Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Jamie Enns Seconded: Mel Quint

Fundraising

Freezies

- Thank you to Nilay for picking them up & to Rosanne and Lisa for freezing them in preparation for Tuesday's

Review School Survey

- Good results; 31 total responses
 - Herrle's - range of responses (positive feedback - needed produce so it was practical, liked to support a local company; negative - too much food, too expensive, food went bad too quickly) - large range in response to whether or not people would choose to purchase again
 - Read-a-Thon - positive feedback overall - large number of people indicated that they would participate again
 - Big Box of Cards - a range of responses, but mostly 'no' for something that would work and 'no' for would participate again
 - Fun Fair - very positive feedback overall - worked for many families, great nice, bbq was easy & fast, good community feel - many families likely to attend again
 - Packing Lunch Seminar - many people did not attend - mixed feedback, but those that attended did like it!

*87% percent indicated that the amount of fundraising we did was appropriate

*Ideas: plant bulb sales, local restaurants, more practical, pizza gift cards, chocolate bar sales

Planning for Next Year

- Schmidtsville meals (monthly?)
- Chocolate Bars (Lindsay will talk to Sir Adam Beck's Council Member for details)
- Kicked in the Candies "Stocking Stuffer" Fundraiser (November)
- Fun Fair & Arts Night (Wednesday May 21, 2024) **Add plant swap and book sale
- Movie Night (outdoor? Indoor? - fall)
- Freezie Day (with Track & Field or Play Day)
- Read-a-Thon (February)

**Consider for partnerships with Lions, ABC to help us raise money faster

Fun Fair/Arts Night Update

- Final update on Revenue/Expenses & Profit

Expenses	Revenue	Total Profit
Food = \$1038.62 Supplies = \$109.77 Evoke = \$226 Cotton Candy & Popcorn \$388.58 *of note is that we received a refund of \$135.60 since one CC machine broke	\$5561.10	\$3798.13

Staff Appreciation Baked Goods Feedback

- Very well received by staff; a good spread of treats!
- Lisa still as the sign up sheet so we can use that for quantities for next year
- We will do this again - move it up in the year (February-ish)

School/Council Bylaws Review

- We will visit this topic in the fall

Playground Planning Update

- Facilities manager came out and looked at things with Brian
- What they (School Board) are doing now is asking schools "How much money do you have?". Based on this answer, they put out requests for bids based on the amount of money available to be spent
- One thing that could be done is that part of it could be removed and replaced!
- All playgrounds now that are built HAVE to be accessible; we could promote it as an accessible addition to what we have - it would be designed in a way that would be multi-functional; this would bring more purpose and would be a positive thing for our community
- In order to this we would have to also change the surface, remove some of the outside barrier to allow access
- To do this option we would be looking at a minimum of \$40,000 - \$50,000
- We will look at a committee to focus on this in the fall as part of a multi-year project

Treasurer's Report

- Available balance \$11,971.95
 - Read-a-Thon & Fun Fair still have some outstanding items that we are aware of, but they have not yet been processed
 - Freezie money will be deposited

Principal/Vice Principal Updates

- Lots going on right now! K - 8 all have events
 - Walking to the park trips have been popular - Splash pad is not inclusive for our David Martin population

- Track & Field was successful for Junior and Intermediate students
- Scientists in the School for Grade 1, 3 & 4 has been so well received (*would be great if there were in-person option to offer rich learning experiences)
- Day trip to Hidden Acres for grades 6, 7 & 8
- Welcome to School Night last Tuesday - almost all of the new families came to see the school/classrooms etc.
- Jump Rope for Heart tomorrow
- School Choir is singing on Saturday at the Grand Opening of the new Recreation Center
- 2024-2025 School Year Calendar has been approved - PD Day September 3; First Day for students will be Wednesday September September 4
- 2 new classes have been added for next year (½ kindergarten class, 1 grade 6 classes; this has eliminated all except for 1 combined grade)
- Some departing staff: Barb Grant (MLL), Jen Martin, Christian Barnard, Ashley Whittal, Alaina Mior, Lindsay Kurt will be taking a full time position at Moffat Creek
- Congratulations to Brian Beney on his retirement; best wishes for your next Chapter
- The new Principal and Vice Principal have not been determined at this time

****We will be continuing with offering a virtual option for each Council Meeting****

Motion to Adjourn: Jasveen Kienitz

Second: Nilay Guler

Next Meeting: Thursday September 26, 2024 7:00PM

Tentative Dates for Next Year: September 26, October 24, November 28, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 19