

Parent Council Agenda: Monday Oct 28th 2019, 6:30pm

Attendance: Tanya Peden, Cara Dean, Stacie Dowdall, Heather McQuat, Robin McIntosh, Susan Patterson, Amy Long,

Approval of past minutes

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-Renewed liability insurance for Parents Council for 2019-2020 school year

Items to discuss:

1. Principal report

- Parent handbook updated – changes made. Stacie will send around to staff for comments/changes. Hope to send this out via email and facebook ASAP
- Play Structure update – Not looking like it will be installed this fall. Looking at possible Spring installation.
- Closed back entrance to playground due to ongoing safety issue of many people using during school hours. Dog feces on the yard. This has decreased traffic. Community members don't realize it is private property. Little upset about it. Might close the Wilson street access with a gate. Possibly write a letter to newspaper to inform community about rational behind it?
- Anti-bully Plan:
 - Currently use Kelso's choices – Frog. Choice wheel – coach child through resolution with the 9 or so choices. Looking at switching to WITS – Acronym - walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help. Literacy based. Parents Council supports a change to something new such as WITS.
 - Zones of regulation – teaching kids what the zones are. Want to be in green. Strategies to get into a healthy zone. Discussion on how to react to expected and unexpected behaviours.
- Parent feedback requested on how to report on bullying. Suggestions generated at this meeting: Need to report to a staff member they know and if there is another problem they need to report to the same staff member. Mandatory report to VP or P. Clipboard for duty teachers to track behaviour. Working on finalizing plan and will make a document and send out to families.

2. Fundraising –

- Letter to parents – small changes finalized and to be sent home by Tanya
- Chocolate bar updates Chocolates – 30 cases outstanding that students did not return. Stacie with the support of teachers trying to track down the outstanding money and/or chocolates. Still need to have cash prizes and free laser tag vouchers awarded.

- Next event - Dance-a-thon in late January. Cara looking into having 4 community members to teach. Older kids teach younger kids one dance? Follow just dance videos with the projector? January 30th potential date. \$5 entry. Finalize first week of December. Potential Idea for raising more money: Kids can purchase a song request voucher for \$1 per song. They can write down a request for any song from a pre-approved list. The songs with the most requests get played. This allows students to pick the songs they want played during their dance time. The requests are grouped together based on which classes are together during the dance time.
- March – Wheelers Maple Syrup
- Pizza? Not this year.
- Scientist in the school – teachers prefer this one. Looking for discount

3) Workshops/programming – Tanya

- Art n Class is happy to come in on Mondays from 3-3:45pm, 4 sessions for \$30 per student, 8 min 12 max per session. Thought perhaps offer it to grade 1-2 students to start and move up through the grades. Or just by grade. Use computer lab? Start with grade 1, then 2, then 3, then maybe offer to kinders. Tanya to contact and organize. Grade 1s: Nov 18 – Dec 9. Try to get out this week. First come, first serve.
- Sam Shaw – dance
- Dave Fiener – Perth Brazillian JuiJuitsu – Potentially offering during last recess. Possible time frame 3-3:45pm. Need parent volunteers with a ratio of 1:10 parent volunteer. Can send flyers home. Permission forms needed. Tracy follow up and organize.
- Science workshop - This year \$65 per student potentially. Same curriculum as last year. Grade 4-6. Hour workshop after school. Might start during last recess. Heather to take on this year. Tanya to send contact info to Heather
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4. Trees info – Melissa. Plant has a list of approved trees. Melissa gave list to Carol Onion of Hillside gardens. Waiting to hear back from Carol on which of those list she would recommend for our space. Carol is willing to come help chose location – plant has to be part of that conversation.

5. Maker night – on hold – looking for someone to spear head

6. Spring gardening: Robin and her team of people want to know what we would like to do and are excited. Heather did a lasagna garden previous years. Table also has some volunteers that could help over the summer. Gardening club during recess. Looking for someone to spearhead?

7. Any booking of the gym or library for parent council activities it needs to be booked through community use – Stacie to send out link that is through the Upper Canada website
8. Hort Society wants to donate a tree in memory of Ed Chenard. Stacie sent Robin list of approved trees.
6. Next meeting: January 13th 6:30pm