

Stewart School Parents Council Meeting Notes - Jan 13, 2020

Present: Amy long, Melissa Licari, Stacie Dowdall, Tracy Smith

Items discussed:

School Items:

- play structure - option 1 or 2 (Stacie isn't sure which was finally selected, but will check). Shared pictures of both. Parents council pledged \$30,000 and the school will pay the remainder. Spring install.
- tree update - spring planting. Melissa contacted Carol Onion re which tree. Plant visited to see where in the yard to plant - far side where the ash trees were removed. Plant provided list of trees is limited BUT is open to other ideas. No toxic or nut trees.
- New financial person at Stewart – Maria
- Scientist in the school workshops- Booked in March/April in all classes.
- Prodecals clothing quotes - steep prices. Looking into Elite (Stacie) and what PDCI (Melissa) did this year.
- Teachers job action: started this Monday - report cards are marks only, kinder is one sentence per box, teachers coming in 30 minutes before and leaving 15 after. No parent meetings outside of school hours. Kids will start to feel it. No field trips if they weren't in the works already. Swimming lessons might be on hold. No assemblies or school wide events. No distributing hot lunch by teachers. Kinder registration in February go ahead since Admin organizing and open house in May is questionable.

Fundraisers:

- Past -chocolate bar fundraiser update- lost 18 cases (never came back). Suggestions for next year - parents send cheque or bills (not change). Do we want to do it again? It would be better if letter home phrased differently? Make decision in June if whether to do it next year. A lot of time spent rolling change and redistributing chocolate. Would need volunteers to help manage
- Future -Maple syrup fundraiser - Tracy to manage. Dates: will be picked. Count and organize money with Melissa
- Fundraiser idea: raffle off front row seats to concerts

School Activities Parents Council is running:

- Perth Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu: First come first serve. 20 students max. Gr 2 - Feb 7, Gr 1 Feb 14, Gr 3 Feb 21. Free. Erin Fiener parent rep to attend all sessions. Stacie to prep note home and pass on contact information for who signs up. Tracy to email participants to confirm enrolment. Tracy to reserve rooms on community use booking website.
- Grade 2 Art classes: Art and class grade 2s Fridays Feb 14 - Mar 6 from 3 - 3:40pm. \$35/student. 8 students min, 12 students max. Parent supervisors: Feb 14 & 21 Amy Long, Feb 28 & March 6 Melissa Licari. Stacie to update forms and send home. Tracy to email participants. Tracy to reserve rooms on community use booking website.

-dance a thon: teachers not able to help but can attend because of job action. Postpone to late spring/early summer?

-Dance classes: Sam Shaw offered to come in to do dance classes - whole school or paid classes like we did with art classes? Pair with dance a thon? Will look at again later on in the year as we are offering other things right now.

-after school Science workshops on hold

Parent Council Organization:

-No council chair - Tanya left in December. Melissa and Tracy to cochair for the remainder of the year. Amy Long to co-secretary (since that was Tracy's previous role) with Nicole

-Chair roles - lead meeting, send out agenda, keep things moving, help organize people are there to fill roles

Requests to Plant/Board

-parking lot: Suggestion -Staff parking off the bus gate (~40 spaces) plus double the parking like what people did at the kinder Christmas concert in existing parking lot. Need to rejig the bus lane and parents' lane. Waiting for Plant/funding. Will keep reminding Plant that the need is there

-Stewart sign on wilson st. dangerous to change letters. Want a digital sign to replace - Asked Plant. 3 different levels of signs offered. Will need to wait until Stewart has a project in the works and add the sign to that project. No ideas of timelines.

Next meeting: March 9 at 6:30pm