

The Stewart School- Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Monday March 9, 2020, 6: 30 pm

Present: Stacie Dowdall, Amy Long, Tracy Smith, Nikole Green, Krista Marks Cleroux
Regrets: Melissa Licari, Heather McQuatt, Kim McGrimmon

1. Parent Council Organization Update- Letter from FA

- New Financial Assistance Maria Kuzych provided council with an update on rules/expectations of Parent Council and expenses that can be claimed and that requests to parent council for purchases need to be detailed in the minutes with proper voting and notation. No concerns were noted in the past and we will proceed as usual. Document is available for viewing in the main office.

2. Principals Report- Stacie Dowdall

- Stewart School will be moving forward with My Family Room payment options for hot lunch orders very soon. The next round of hot lunch will include this option for families as long as they are registered with My Family Room.
- The school will continue to accept alternate forms of payment for the long term- cash, cheque.
- .25 Vacancy in the office is posted again and hiring is in process
- ETFO Action- Information is sent out by UCDSB as information is received. It has impacted some activities at this time, such as spring concert and rotating strike days. At this time, no further Strike days have been announced.

3. Update on Playground- Stacie Dowdall

- Moving forward with one of the options that Dean Fournier had on file. Will occur in the spring of 2020. Pea stone will be removed and replaced with mulch product as per new accessibility standards. Cribbing will be replaced. Accessible ramp area will connect to the walkway (Wilson Street yard walkway). To be connected to the existing structure at the end towards the grassed yard/outdoor classroom).
- Long jump pit/Sand area may be relocated.
- Some work on the kinder yard will occur during the same period- Pea stone removal etc.

4. Update on Parking Lot- Stacie Dowdall

- Plant will be coming in the spring again to review parking areas, congestion, safety concerns. Last review on file was 3-4 years ago

5. Fundraisers- Stacie Dowdall & Tracy Smith

- **Chocolate Bars**- Approx. \$8000.00 was generated this year
- **Maple Syrup**- Forms going home March 23, Last call emails will be sent out between April 3- 6 with council members counting/organizing orders on April 7. Syrup is scheduled for pick up on April 15, 2020. Set up at 2:30 with pick up starting at 3-5 pm. Confirmation of volunteers for counting- Amy, Nikole. Volunteers for Syrup day: Krista, Tracy, Nikole, Amy (Nikole will connect with some grade 9 students for volunteer hours)
- **Raffle Front Row Seat**- Spring Concert/Kinder Concert- Deferred until next meeting

6. Update on Tree Planting- Melissa Licari

- Hillside Gardens is closed until April 1, 2020. She will connect with them when they reopen. Melissa would like to confirm the amount we would like to spend (undetermined at this time). There is also a tree being donated in honour of Ed Chenard, a long-time member of the Perth Horticultural Society, to plant at the same time.

7. Scientist in the Schools Update- Stacie Dowdall

- All classes have been scheduled, focusing on age appropriate topics (bugs, animals, forces, body works, flights etc

8. Stewart Clothing Sales- Stacie

- Quotes from two local supplies have been received- Prodecal and Elite Engraving. At the time of the quote, Elite was able to offer a lower cost product. Undetermined if clothing order will occur this year or perhaps in the fall.

9. Council Run Activities Update

- **Art Class-** Grade 2 round was successful and has just ended. Grade 3 round will be proposed to students with a minimum participation increase with dates proposed to be April 3, 17, 24 & May 1. Some grade 2 students may be added who were waitlisted.
- **Jiu-jitsu,** very well received with good participation
- **Dance a thon-** will be brought forward at next meeting

10. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- Tracy received the 2019-2020 Pro Grant funding guidelines, quick review with Parent Council
- Potentially looking at Safety & Technology Workshop
- Would need to be completed prior to May 31, 2020
- Budget can not exceed 210.00
- Nikole will look at options for speaker/topics and get back to committee

11. Cheer Station- Perth Kilt Run

<https://raceroster.com/events/2020/29588/11th-perths-world-record-kilt-run-2020>

- Would we be interested in hosting a cheer station this year
- Run is scheduled for Saturday June 27, 2020
- We will seek additional information and defer until the next meeting

12. Other Business- nothing added

13. Next Meeting Date

- Monday April 20, 2020