

Parent Council

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Present: Tracy Smith, Melissa Licari, Heather McQuat, Amy Long, Nikole Green, Stacie Dowdall

Regrets: Krista Marks-Cleroux, Amy Neron, Kim McGrimmon

1. Update on existing fundraisers
  - Maple Syrup - cancelled, no orders sent to Tracy or Stacie
  - Perth Kilt Run – event cancelled
  - Perth Fair Gate – event cancelled
2. Tentative fund raising plan for 2020 – 2021
  - Tabled discussion to September, may depend on what returning to school looks like. Also an awareness that these times have been difficult financially for many families so we do not want to be asking for money.
  - Possibly do chocolate bars at some point since it is a high earner.
3. Play Structure Update
  - Will be installed over summer (or should be, assuming that tenders do not come back extremely high)
4. September meeting – will be held either in-person if possible, or through Teams.
  - Selected Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 as the date.
5. Grade 6 send-off
  - Reviewed Board parameters
  - Plan: Through Teams, few words from Stacie followed by presentation of each grade 6 student (photo and name), then picture slide show of photos from throughout the year
  - Discussion – does parent council wish to provide a gift to each student – recognizing that this is a unique year and they are missing out.
  - Voted – one \$5 Dairy Queen gift card x 49 students (total \$245) – all in favour
  - Stacie will pick up with pcard, Maria will reimburse from Council funds
  - Cards can be sent home with certificate and report cards
6. Tree Planting
  - Discussion – how much? MAXIMUM \$1000, including any deliver/planting costs, - voted – all in favour
  - Melissa and Heather will connect with Hillside, to determine if planting now would be ideal for the trees, or if we should wait until early fall???? Will discuss the cost and select some trees.
  - Will direct Hillside to connect directly with Stacie to make arrangements for planting.
7. JK Events
  - Open House was cancelled, so we are doing a virtual event through Teams (June 16 at 6:30). For parents who cannot attend – a copy of the powerpoint will be emailed out to parents.

Teachers will connect with parents before the end of June to share which class students are in – important to establish and maintain connections early and over the summer. Information will continue to be pushed out throughout the summer. Hoping to be able to do an on-site visit the week before school starts, but this will be a wait and see . . .

This led to a discussion about letting all students know who their teacher will be – Stacie is seriously considering this, as classes look like they will be fairly stable (room for new students to arrive, not anticipating having to shuffle things the week before). This info will likely be shared last week of June.

8. Staffing update for 2020-2021

Have one less classroom next year (a kinder class). Lost Jessica McTavish and Alyssa Shaver as teachers due to numbers being down. EA and RECE numbers are the same as this year which is great news.

9. Schedule update for 2020-2021

We have had to remove the recess at the end of the day – pros and cons to every schedule. No change to start and end times. In September:

9:30 – 12:00 – class (same as this year)  
12:00 – 12:20 – lunch (same as this year)  
12:20 – 12:40 – recess (same as this year)  
12:40 – 2:10 – class  
2:10 – 2:50 – recess  
2:50 – 3:50 – class

Then, an adjustment in February to balance focused instructional time. (schedule above has 150 uninterrupted instruction in am, schedule below has it in the pm – important given the way our FI and blending works).

9:30 – 11:00 – class  
11:00 – 11:20 recess  
11:20 – 11:40 – lunch  
11:40 – 12:40 – class  
12:40 – 1:20 – recess  
1:20 – 3:50 class

10. Teacher appreciation gift

Tracy indicated that parent council usually does an appreciation breakfast for staff the last week. Obviously – cannot do that this week. Some ideas discussed.

Tracy will reach out and price a few options – something that can be put out on individual plates and teachers can grab without touching the rest. It can be delivered to the school (once we know when teachers will be coming in . . .). Stacie will put it out on a table in the main entrance for teachers to grab as they come in. Heather secured Jordan from Picnic to make cupcakes for \$125.

Stacie shared a staff list – council members will do up cards for the staff (kid generated). Signed from “Stewart Parents Council”. This will go with the treat.

Discussed price - \$175 MAXIMUM – voted – all in favour