

The Stewart School
Parent Council Meeting
Monday September 20, 2021

Present:

Stacie Dowdall, Principal, Lea Doxy, Vice Principal, Tracy Smith, Cara Dean, Nicole Green, Kristen Roy, Kristie Stead, Emily Verhoek, Melissa Kirk, Heather McQuat, Amy Long

Absent: Melissa Licari

New and Returning Staff

Angela Larkin, French Immersion, LTO, Bev Bowman EA, Kim Morrison EA, Kim Warwick ECE, Danielle Warwick, Lindsay Taylor, Kate Sweeney part time for Michelle Silson's FT position, Diane Jackson Office Assistant.

Hot Lunch

Waiting for approval in regard to COVID protocols to collect payment for hot lunch orders. The Stewart School was set to enroll in the online payment system but this was interrupted by the last lock down. Something to be revisited.

Extra Curricular Activities

Although it was initially approved by the Board, extra curricular activities have been cancelled for K – 6 because of cohorting. In past years students could participate in cross country and soccer at this point in the year.

Library

The Library is open! Children will be able to sign out books and take them home starting in October. The Health Unit has advised they are less concerned about the risk of transmission of COVID-19 through objects than direct contact. When the school closed last year there were some cost savings which allowed for the purchasing of new books as well as magazine and comic book subscriptions. There is a new collection of Orca books – high interest and low vocabulary for reluctant readers.

New Protocol

There are third party visitors coming to the school (OT, Speech and Language Therapists, Mental Health partners, photocopy reps, walkie talkie reps) Today the school started a new procedure for COVID screening. Visitors are asked to scan a QR code with their smart phone (provided a tablet if no access to smart phone) and complete a survey re: symptoms as well as vaccinations. Must be fully vaccinated or antigen tested in the last two days. Survey either yields a green check allowing admission to the school or a red x denying access. Admitted guests are given a tracking form to sign.

Vaccination Protocol

There have been provincial changes regarding disclosure of vaccination status which at the beginning of the year did not include School Board employees. They now are obligated to disclose status of vaccination to the Board. There will be a Family of Schools Meeting next Monday in which Stacie will learn more information in regards to vaccination protocols for staff.

Financial Report

\$1, 128.57 Balance from last year

Last years expenditures included:

- Trees for the school yard
- Winter recess items
- Virtual Magic Show for students in May while in lockdown
- Staff appreciation gifts at end of year

Fundraising

Ideas include:

- Chocolate bar sales
- Toonies for Terry
- Little Caesars
- Mable's Labels
- ? Chapters/Indigo

Parent Council Positions

Tracy Wheeler has accepted a part time supply teacher position at Stewart School, and as a Board employee must step down from Chair duties.

Nicole Green and Kristen Roy kindly offered to co-chair. Melissa Kirk will occupy Secretary again this year. Amy Long kindly volunteered to take on Treasurer duties. Parent Council agreed unanimously on chair as well as Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Next Parent Council Meeting:

Monday Oct 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Teams