

## Parent Council Meeting

October 25, 2021

Attended: Melissa, Cara, Lea, Stacie, Nikole, Kristen, Tracey, Amy, Kristi, Heather, Melissa.

Absent: Lisa C

### Fundraising

- Must follow healthy schools guidelines
- Must be for an identified goal

Ideas: supplement or cover swimming fees for all families; new school sign upgrades (ie. Computerized) for the parking lot; more trees for the school yard; Outdoor class room upgrades (new logs – potential donor from a family); more sleds for winter recess bins (scoops from last year still in great condition).

### Hot Lunch

- Pizza lunch will continue to be offered until December 2021. Stacie Dowdall will review at this time whether to continue program into 2022.
- A system has been worked out between Mrs. Dowdall, the teachers and students to make deliveries to classrooms more efficient and less disruptive to classes
- The program has been well received. Each week 41 pizzas are needed to be ordered to meet demand.
- Pizza lunch seems to be working best with being able to abide by COVID protocols, and does not require pre-orders and collection of money prior to the date. Still concerned about doing pre-orders, due to issues with refunds in the event of a closure, or prolonged absences

### Principal's Report

Wed Nov 10, 2021 – Progress reports go home.

Fun Friday's – Nov 5, 2021 – Jersey/Sports Day

- Nov 12 – Plaid day
- Nov 19 – Crazy hair day

Nov 26 – P.A. Day

### Inclement Weather

School will be open on snow days this year. The Health Unit will allow two classes to be combined into one but children from separate classes will need to remain separated within the classrooms. There will be digital option for at home learning on snow days. Families who want printed work must request it NOW and keep at home in the event of a snow day. Those packages will be Board developed work and choice boards.

Parents please send a change of mask for your children especially as the weather turns cold. Masks get wet due to condensation in the cold.

#### Toys and Activities from Home

There has been a trend of children bringing toys and cards from home to trade recently. Particularly L.O.L. Dolls and Pokemon cards. Socially this is causing some challenges on the school yard. Trading is not permitted as many children don't understand the concept of a trade. Items also get lost/go missing. If trading or losing toys is a concern, parents/students should keep these items at home.

#### Classroom COVID related closure

- One positive case of COVID in a grade one/two class last week
- The class was closed on Thursday, and those children with direct contact will be home the remainder of this week. Provided tests from this week are negative, the classroom may reopen next Monday according to the Health Unit.
- Parent inquiries re: exposure on bus and daycare. Mrs. Dowdall reassured there was no bus or daycare exposures. Learning experience and in future email updates this will be communicated to ease parent's minds.

#### Financial Report

No change. Balance remains at \$1, 128.57

#### New Business

Parents please practice signing in to Microsoft Teams with your children at home in the event of a future class or school closure due to COVID. Learning will immediately transition on line in this event. Knowing how to sign on will avoid delays in childrens' access to online learning.

Fabric masks that the school was given have been distributed to children. The school does also have a supply of disposable masks for any children needing them.

#### Remembrance Day

Unclear yet whether this will be live streamed. There will not be a school ceremony gathering in the gym like in past years.

Next meeting: November 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Teams

Discuss – Christmas plans