

The Stewart School
Parent Council Meeting
Monday March 7, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via Teams

Attendees: Kristen Roy, Melissa Licari, Tracy Smith, Kristi Stead, Cara Dean, Lea Doxey, Stacie Dowdall,
Aislin MacPhail, Amy Long, Lisa Couch

1. Review of January 24th minutes
 - Tracy Smith motioned to accept, Kristi Stead second
2. Follow up from Last Meeting: See Action Items
 - Fundraising goals (trees, outdoor classroom, sign etc.)
 - a. Outdoor classroom - \$10,000 - \$25,000 for structure
 - b. Swimming - \$45/student last time, grade 4s free with jumpstart, 225 kids approx.
 - c. Soccer nets – several sources think that Greg Gesner has ones that belong to the school, Stacie will check
 - d. Trees & barriers to protect the new trees
 - e. Electronic Sign
 - f. Paint on pavement/Stencils
 - Confirm direction and create fundraising sub committee
 - “We are fundraising for _____” on all flyers.
 - Tracy to make survey to survey parent council on top choice – will be sent out within the next day to Council members
 - Make a subcommittee if the vote comes in favour of Outdoor classroom; as more research needs to be done, possible grants/funding need to be explored
3. Principal’s Report- Stacie Dowdall
 - Kinders went to optional masking – 70% kids are still wearing masks
 - 5 positive cases in one kinder class
 - Covid cases appear to be more manageable, mild symptoms
 - Upcoming changes – rumors about masking and cohorts being lifted, no direction yet from Health units
 - Next school year – distanced learning will not be tied to the school, it will be managed through the board and needs to be signed up for by March 14. This is a commitment to first term and can only change in February.
 - Milk order – 3 volunteers helping (adults), lots of waste – is there a local farmer who would want?
 - Pizza – preorders going well – less waste
 - CCAT will return this year for grade 4s and was offered to grade 5s who missed it last year. Screener for gifted but also flags other things.
 - EQAO – digital this year, grade 3 & 6. Heavy on technical computer skills – drag and drop. May 4 – June. Will probably do early May
 - Construction in the office – window. Easy to drop things off/pick up. Allows for fresh air. Board funded.

- Mid year data – literacy interventions. Kids making good gains! Heggerty program – the classrooms that are doing it daily they can really see fast improvements and the older kids that have struggled have really made tangible clear improvements
 - Math midpoint assessments – numeracy skill focus, these are just starting
 - Volunteers – only in support of food program at this time
4. Financial Report
- Same – no money in or out
5. New Business
- a. Perth Fair- Main Gates:
- Stewart school has coordinated the front gates at the Perth Fair in past years. Raises over \$1000. Great opportunity for volunteer hours for parents and high school (grade 10 and above) students.
 - Lots of families do it together
 - 4 days, 4 hour shifts, 3 people on each shift.
 - Nikole will make the sign up form
 - Will try to fill the spots just Stewart and then reach out to Glen Tay
 - Voted: All in favour, passed, motion carried.
 - Next step – Nikole to make sign up form, Stacie will also send it on Facebook and email. Will wait for Perth Fair to officially ask for our help.
- b. Syrup Fundraiser
- Order online through Wheelers Maple website – When placing order, individual picks “Stewart School Fundraiser” instead of shipping, writes student’s name in “notes” and pays by credit card or PayPal
 - 15% of all sales to Stewart School Parent Councils – Wheelers will write Stewart School a cheque once all orders are received
 - Requires zero work from Stewart staff except promoting it
 - Can launch this week
 - Pick up: Monday April 11th 2:30-4:30pm at The Stewart School – need to create a clear plan around this
 - Student prize: Discussion: for every \$10 in Wheelers sales the student named in “notes” will get one ticket into the draw. Winner receives maple taffy for their whole class.
 - Vote: All In favour – all, passed, Tracy & Kristen to spearhead
6. Other Business
- Lisa asked about Grade 6 photos? – board really pushing that graduation is at grade 12. Stewart has never done Grade 6 graduation photos; most schools do not
 - Ainslin MacPhail asked about prepping onboarding volunteers for when we can have volunteers again? Any one interested should email Stacie about wanting to volunteer and she will send home a volunteer sheet to take to the OPP to get a criminal record check.
7. Date of Next Meeting
- Next meeting: April 25th at 6:30pm