

## Parent Council Meeting

April 25, 2022

Attending:

Kristi Stead, Lea Doxey, Amy Long, Tracy Smith, Kristen Roy, Lisa Couch-Blackburn, Melissa Licari, Cara Dean, Emily Verhoek, Stacie Dowdall, Ashley Cochrane

### Maple Syrup Fundraiser Update –

There were 79 orders for a total of \$4247 raised at 15% = \$637.05 donated to Stewart School.

Outdoor classroom committee – Sub committee formed. Led by Emily Verhoek with Ashley Cochrane and Melissa Kirk

### Principals Report

CCAT written last week for Grade 4's (and some catch up with grade 5's from last years missed CCAT)

EQAO – Prep is underway. May 9, May 10 11/12/13 and May 24/25/26 Stewart classes are writing. It is electronic this year which is a learning curve for staff and students. The EQAO

Grade 6 celebration: Picked a date for the Friday June 24 at 2pm. Hoping to have an in person, outside event weather permitting.

Kindergarten Open house tomorrow night – 30 new kinders registered. 34 Kinders moving on.

Staffing for next year. Down one 15 classes this year. Allocated 14 for next year. Some Jr. classes will be a little higher numbers next year. There will be a 4/5 and a 5/6 at 28 students next year.

Mary Lynn Paul is retiring. She is finishing the current school year in June.

Lindsay Taylor is leaving.

Staffing shortages is in the media often lately. Stewart has been managing well this year. Both Danielle Bell and Lea Doxey have been very hands on and creative to cover shortages to avoid classes/school having to close. Bus driver shortages have also been a challenge this year.

Intermural sports have started. Intermural sports will happen at recess time, outside on the yard. Indoor recesses do not work well to run the intermural sports.

Hot lunch update. Added subs for the last two months of the school year. Opting out for veggies on all of the subs as they are not a hit with the children. September 2022 the school will have an online payment plan available for all school related purchases through Paypal. There is a low service fee that the school will incur.

Dance workshops – Sponsored by Stewart School. \_\_\_\_\_, dance teacher from Cote d'Ivoire. He spoke in both French and English to the students. Taught about Cote d'Ivoire and dance. It was a huge hit with the kids!

Track and Field – to be determined if it will be offered. If it is it will be only at the school level, not inter-school.

### Financial Report:

Parent Council balance: \$1765.62 (this amount includes the \$637.05 raised from the Maple Syrup Fundraiser)

### Perth Fair Main Gates Fundraiser:

Nikole Green has created a sign up list for parents/families to sign up to volunteer. We need 54 volunteers (for 54 shifts). This is time donated so for families who struggle to donate through financial aid this may be an opportunity to volunteer. Sign up page will be posted online on the school Facebook page. Job is to take/exchange entrance fee/tickets/bracelets. Shifts are 3-4 hours. High school students seeking volunteer hours can volunteer. We can ensure an adult is paired with students.

### Another possible upcoming Fundraiser

June 28 Food for Thought Golf Tournament – 9 holes, 4 person scramble. Fundraiser for food security in our region. This is the program that donates food for our school snack bins.

### Teacher Appreciation:

There are approximately 40 staff at Stewart. Historically Parent Council hosted a breakfast for staff appreciation. Could have a breakfast bar with a server. Have also done it the last PA day of the year (report card writing day). Given uncertainties with ever changing COVID protocols it may be better to stick with gift cards for teachers. Everyone will research local, preferably school family owned businesses.

### Earth Day Update:

Many classes participated in a clean up of the yard.

Next Meeting: May 31 (Tuesday!) 2022 at 6:30 pm on Microsoft Teams