

The Stewart School Parent Council Minutes

Monday September 19, 2022

6:30pm via Teams

1. Welcome and Roll Call- Tracy Smith, Cara Dean, Jessica Forsyth, Amy Long, Ruby Saculles, Stacie Dowdall, Kristen Roy, Kristie Stead, Melissa Licari, Nikole Green, Lea Doxey
2. Election of 2022/2023 Roles (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
Chair/Co-Chair- Jessica Forsyth & Kristen Roy- acclaimed
Secretary - Melissa Kirk would be willing to provide support in the secretary position- acclaimed
Treasurer- Nikole Green- acclaimed
3. Principal's Report
 - Several new registrations for this academic year, 336 currently enrolled
 - Some staffing changes
 - Cross Country- Perth family of schools will be hosting a meet October 6 at Murphy's Point. Bussing is currently difficult to obtain due to timing of bus runs/sharing with the high school. Top runners will move onto the UC Cup in Brockville, October 25th (rain date 27th)- TBC. Additional information will follow. There was a lot of interest from students with practice happening during last recess (day 1, 3,5)
 - Cross Country & Track/Field are the only UC Cup situations
 - Soccer- discussions about how the Perth family of schools could work together to offer this. Continued discussions for volleyball, basketball etc.
 - Intramurals started last week, Day 1- Grade 1 & 2, Day 2- Grade 3 & 4, Day 3- Grade 5 & 6. Open ended at this time for sports- each group has been choosing, will depend on sports in general being offered at school relating to one another. Will be age appropriate, often activities that they are doing in gym, especially for the younger students.
 - Hot Lunch- online monthly ordering through My Family Room, paper copies are available for those that request it.
 - Swimming is starting at the beginning of October; traditional permission forms will be used with cash transitions for this round of swimming. Classes will be starting in October (10 lessons, none on Mondays). Possible use of My Family Room for the next round of lessons. Grade 4 lessons are free (if in a split, ¾ or 4/5 all students will be subsidized in those classes)
 - Open House- Great turnout, positive energy. Great opportunity for families to visit the school, view the space and have an opportunity to see space within the school.
 - Terry Fox Run tomorrow & Walking Field Trip- Thursday
 - Students will be entering items into the McDonalds Corners Fair

4. Treasurer's Report- Year end teacher appreciation- June 2022
Nikole will obtain the report for next meeting

5. Old Business

- a. **Perth Fair Gates Update**- was difficult to obtain volunteers, some volunteers did not show, we would like to talk with other schools for next year if the option is presented
Thank you to everyone that participated throughout the weekend
- b. **Outdoor Classroom Update by Subcommittee**- Ashley, Melissa and Emily met in June 2022 to review the physical space. The plan moving forward was to ask the teachers what they would use and offer their input, discussion with current space, planning space for the future, flexible seating space, resources to utilize the space are all being explored and based on feedback with then budget talks would be explored.
Lea Doxey- real world learning, looking at the outdoor classroom, connecting to community partners etc. Lea proposed the questions of what is viable in a 4 season – currently reviewing ideas, talking to experts, having guest speakers. Lea will continue to talk with students

6. New Business

- a. Fundraising Ideas for this year
 - Little Caesars- Nikole has contacted Little Caesars
 - Maple Syrup- spring, Wheelers Website was utilized, they would be willing to host again in the spring
 - Chocolate Bar- does not follow the healthy food guidelines and typically takes more than 10 days to generate the funds
 - Christmas wreaths/swags-
 - First Aid Kits- Stacie will look at materials she has received
 - Art shows/event with students presenting- raffling off preferred parking or baskets at the spring items
 - Flower bulbs-

Table the ideas for the next meeting, bring forward to the next meeting

7. Date of Next Meeting

- Monday October 17th, 6:30 pm via Teams