

## The Stewart School Parent Council Agenda

Monday May 1, 2023

### Attendees:

In Person: Stacie Dowdall, Kristen Roy, Tracy Smith, Kelly Reid, Cara Dean, Jen Beaudoin, Nikole Green

Virtual: Lea Doxey, Melissa Licari, Tracy Asslin, Tiffany Burrill, Vicki Adrian

### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

### 2. Special Guest: Trustee Carole Dufort

Trying to connect organizations and supports available for students and families

Questions: Bell Times – psychologist recommended switching elementary and high school start times. If it does happen, it wouldn't be for September 2023

Contact: Carole Dufort [carole.dufort@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:carole.dufort@ucdsb.on.ca)

### 3. Principal's Report - Stacie Dowdall

- Administrative Changes: Effective today, May 1, Marsha McNair will be the superintendent for Perth schools. Her executive assistant is Lorraine Mullin. Effective for September, Lea Doxey will be leaving Stewart and heading to Athens High School. Stewart will be welcoming Justin Purvis as our new VP.
- Jump Rope for Heart: Students participated last week, and we surpassed our goal of \$800! Students raised \$1155 for The Heart and Stroke Foundation.
- Presentation to 2/3 and 3/4 about Little Forests; parents can check out the students' work on the wall outside the conference room and the library.
- Play structure: Currently closed as it does not pass safety standards. Our mulch has been depleted and/ or disappeared, we have ordered more. This is a special order (we cannot just go to Home Hardware and buys bags of it). Plant has ordered it; waiting on delivery. No ETA yet.
- Upcoming Events
  - Kindergarten Open House is tomorrow night; We currently have 52 new registrants!
  - Bollywood Dancing: all classes will participate in a session later this week.
  - Track and Field: we will be running an in-school event on May 31 for students in Grade 3 through 6. The top three students in each event will move on to a Perth Schools event. This will be held on June 12 (Rain date June 13) at PDCI.
  - EQAO Grade 3: Tuesday May 16 and Wednesday May 17
  - EQAO Grade 6: Wednesday May 24 and Thursday May 25
  - PA Day: MONDAY May 29
  - Grade 6 year-end celebration: Friday, June 23 at 1:30
  - Kindergarten year-end celebration: Friday, June 23 in the morning

### 4. Discussion around pre-booking next year's meeting dates in advance

- Stacie and Kristen to pre-set 2023/2024 now

### 5. Treasurer's Report – Current balance \$9,952

## 6. Old Business

- Syrup Fundraiser Review - Tracy Smith
  - \$416.40 raised.
  - Will plan on skipping it next year.

## 7. New Business

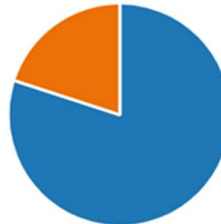
- Dance-a-thon - Cara Dean
  - Pledge form
  - 2 classes at a time
  - Glow sticks
  - \$5 donation to get into dance, not required though
  - Date: June 2
  - Parent volunteer – Shevaun Down
  - Lea make playlists
- Stranger Danger - Kelly Reid
  - Renshi Lisa Carroll
  - Ages 4-11
  - Seminar that includes parents and kids to create an open dialogue about safety
  - Part of seminar is adults and kids separate
  - Self defense – how to protect yourself from the common ways they are taken. Learn and practice techniques
  - Local statistics and examples. Age appropriate. Stranger danger and familiar assault red flags (focus this with the parents)
  - 2 hours, interactive
  - 25 – 30 families
  - Off site – as long as there are two rooms. So the gym and library at Stewart would work.
  - Usually charges \$25 per family
  - Week night no charge, for use of the school
  - Late May/early June
  - Survey – Tracy to make: interest, weeknight 4-6, 5-7, 6-8pm.
    - Stacie to send out with parent email

1. Motion: Parent council will purchase pizza for participants attending the Stranger Danger session on June 21. Cost will depend on # of participants. Stacie will connect with Milano's to investigate getting our school price (\$14 per large pizza; 8 slices per pizza). Suggesting 2 slices per adult, 1 slice per primary student and 2 slices per junior student (roughly). 30 families (maximum). Likely 20 - 25 pizzas so under \$350 (0 point)

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 Insights

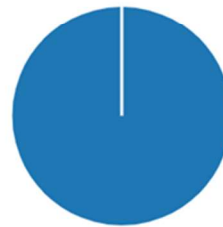
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2. Motion: Parent Council will subsidise \$15 towards the \$25 registration fee for families who request support. Inquiries for support will be directed through Stacie. Minimum estimated cost would be \$0. Maximum participants is 30 families so maximum cost would be \$450 (if every family requested/warranted support). (0 point)

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- Popcorn Fundraiser - Kelly Reid spearhead
  - Kernels
  - Jordyn presenting
  - 50% profit to school \$1.25 each bag
  - 2 week turn around from when order is placed
  - Sell through two avenues:
    - Concession stand run by grade 6
      - May 26, June 2, left overs June 9
      - Favourites: Dill Pickle, Creamy Caramel, Salt & Vinegar, White Cheddar
      - Order 150 bags of the 4 favourites
    - Take home order form to sell to family/friends
      - Orders go home: May 30,
      - Due back June 5,
      - Orders fulfilled June 19<sup>th</sup>
  
- Cheesecake – Tiffany Burrill
  - Cheesecake fundraiser before Christmas 2023

- First Aid Kits Fundraiser - Kristen Roy
  - Look at again for 2023/2024 school year
  
- Year End Staff Appreciation Gift
  - Potluck lunch June 22
  - Parents to organize

8. Date of Next Meeting: Monday June 19 6:30pm