

## Parent Council Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2023

### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

Present on-site: Cara Dean, Jennifer Beaudoin, Kristen Roy, Emily Verhoek, Melissa Licari, Samantha Leishman, Jane Best, Brittany MacKinnon

Present On-line: Vicki Adrain, Tiffany Burrill, Tracy Asselin, Kelly Reid, Melissa Kirk, Kim Tran, Kailey Brady, Chelsea Giff, Justin Purvis

Regrets: Christine Jones, Tracy Smith, Caitlind Strong,

### 2. Election of 2023/2024 Roles (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)

Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Kristen would like to step down from Chair, but also willing to remain involved in some capacity to support a new person. Could co-chair. Shevaun Down was suggested (not present at meeting but was communicating through text with another Council member), Jen Beaudoin was also suggested (also not present at the time). Kim Tran volunteered to take on 'whatever was needed'. Stacie will have discussions with these individuals about the roles and their willingness. Needs to be revisited next meeting

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

- Current enrolment is 357; had some new registrations through the summer months, but also had a fair number move over the summer so it pretty much balanced out
- Welcome to new Staff:
  - Justin Purvis as our Vice-Principal
  - Alberta McNicol as our Office Assistant
  - Melissa Licari who is teaching Science to French Immersion Classes
  - Kathleen Crouse; French teacher, FI grade 3/4 and 4 FI (partner with Jenn Sharpe)
  - We will be welcoming Ketsia Snider as our Librarian next week. Ketsia will be shared between Maple Grove, Drummond, Arkan and Stewart. She will be with us on Day 3 and alternate Day 5s.
- Swimming; For students in Grades 1 through 6. Will start October 17,18,19,20,24,25,26,31,Nov 1,2. Student will have 10 lessons (NO SWIMMING ON MONDAYS). Cost to students is \$40. Actual FULL cost is \$45 so the school is subsidizing every student for \$5
  - Grade 6 - room 128 - 9:45am to 10:15am
  - Grade 5 - room 134 - 10:15am to 10:45am
  - Grade 4/5 - room 129 - 1:30pm to 2:00pm
  - Grade 5/6 - room 132 - 2:05pm to 2:35pm
- We have started Music classes for 3/4 FI, 4 FI, 5 FI, 6 FI, 4/5 Core and 5/6 Core. They will have Mme MacDonald once per week for 40 minutes.
- Science: Melissa Licari will update Council, as she is looking for some support with some projects.
  - Last year, Lea started the Little Forest and Pollinator Garden project
  - Pollinator; County project – they help with the tilling; we do the planting.
  - Little Forest; first step is to prepare the forest floor; List of items we need, looking for donations.
  - Start with cardboard, bring in soil from an established forest to help with the nutrients.

Compost; need to be careful with it to avoid invasive species.

Brittany has manure and a truck

Samantha has straw

Need to sit for 6+ months; would like to get it started by October.

Size – 100 m<sup>2</sup>. Cannot be less than 3 m wide.

Trees are planted very close together so they grow tall and fast; can be an established forest within 10 years instead of 25

Stacie will share the required materials with parents to see what we can get from donations.

Will also need volunteers for labour and helping the kids during the school day

Donations of trees – will want specific types of trees that are native species

- Sports

Cross Country; Perth Family of Schools meet on Oct. 12 at Last Duel Park. UC Cup is October 25, rain date is the 26th, for students who qualify at the Perth meet. Students in Grades 3 through 6 can participate. This is the ONLY event that Elementary School attend a UC cup event.

Soccer; will be starting soon for students in Grades 4 through 6. We will be attending an invitational tournament with Smiths Falls Schools.

Next will be Basketball, followed by Volleyball in early Spring.

Last event will be Track and Field, with a Perth event at PDCI (same as last year) for qualifying students.

- Hot Lunch

Orders were due today

Same format as last year; Milk (white or chocolate) daily, Subs every other Monday, Pizza every Thursday.

Slight price increase this year.

- School Photos

We switched to Photovisions this year. Pictures will be October 2nd with retakes on November 2nd.

- Parent Council Meeting

Have been pre-booked so we have the Library, Lab and Gym

Monday, Sept. 18

Monday, Oct. 23

Monday, Dec. 4

Monday, Jan. 22

Monday, Feb. 26

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 27

Discussion; hybrid (Teams and Onsite) or just on-site. We DO have Cara's daughter available for childcare. Jordan Reid could be a helper as well. We will need to do a survey so we know numbers, in case she needs to bring a friend.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – Stacie Dowdall

Treasurer Report:

\$18,026.20

Popcorn about \$1000

Dance-a-thon \$5000

Chocolate Bars \$7000

Two years ago our balance was about \$1000, so we did a lot last year!!!!

#### 5. Old Business

- Review Outdoor Classroom Objective
- Review last years fundraisers & takeaways

#### 6. New Business

- Fundraising ideas for this year
- How to get more parents involved in Parent Council

#### 7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday October 23, 2023

#### Fundraising

Ashley Cochrane; pitched the Bulb fundraiser

Proposal would estimate profit of about \$750

Sell packages of 10 bulbs for \$15; hyacinth and daffodils

Proceeding NOW (ASAP) hopefully to get the bulbs home by Thanksgiving

#### First Aid Kits

Members are to bring ideas forward next meeting, decisions will be made, and timetabled out

#### Terry Fox Run

Looking for parent volunteers to help count and roll money on Friday

Monday; we will do the meter long ribbons, see how long our trail goes