

Stewart School Parent Council Meeting Notes

December 4, 2023,

In Attendance

Claire Astles, Chelsea Giff, Cara Dean, Stacie Dowdall, Emily Verhoek, Kirsten Roy, Melissa Licari, Pretty Ashton, Tiffany Burrill, Tracy Wheeler, Kim Tran, Vicki Adrian, Justin Purvis, Ashley Cochrane, Aundrea Gifford

Principal's Report

Junior Girls' Volleyball

Had over 30 girls in grades 4, 5 and 6 try out. Mrs. Licari kept all girls involved and practicing. 12 will head to Beckwith tomorrow.

Junior Boys' Volleyball

14 boys tried out. The boys are headed to Beckwith on Wednesday.

Both Volleyball teams participated in exhibition games. Stewart hosted Queen Elizabeth. Stewart also walked over to St. John's for an exhibition game there.

Choir

Large group have been practicing last recess for the past few weeks. Choir will be performing at Crystal Palace on Saturday, December 16.

Swimming

Our last four classes started their sessions last week and will wrap up next week.

Progress Reports

Sent home November 17

Remembrance Day Assembly

Mrs. Hollywood's classes took the lead and did a great job. I was very impressed with the audience skills shown by all of our students.

Where's Waldo

Lots of participants.

School Clothing orders

44 orders were placed. Less than a two week turnaround from Elite Engraving.

Snack Program

We introduced a variety of pinwheels to students to get them to try a healthy and easy snack. Hopefully they took the ideas home to mom and dad. Cream cheese, cucumber and sweet peppers; cream cheese, turkey and lettuce; cream cheese, apples, cinnamon and sugar; turkey, ranch and lettuce; will try hummus, cucumber and peppers next week.

PD Day

Staff were engaged in sessions about literacy instruction; numeracy instruction; a new on-line math program for students called KnowledgeHook; EQAO information sessions; and some health and safety topics.

Busy next three weeks coming up. Parents need to refer to Stacie's email sent last week with the calendar.

Kristen: **Treasurer Report**

Balance \$20400.00

Fall Fundraiser approx. \$1400.00

Holiday Fundraiser approx. \$473.52

Any extra items will be offered for sale after Kinder concert.

Holiday Fundraiser: Pick Up Friday Dec 8, 2023, after Kinder concert 10:30 till end of day.

Set up in library -volunteers confirmed so far– Tracy, Kristen, Tiffany

New business

Cara Dean: **Dance-A -Thon** – Friday Jan 26, 2024

Updates? Needs to fulfill? Names written down from last time, volunteers for decorating and parents in gym for supervising: Jen, Kaylie Brady, Kelly Reid,

Christine, (Sadie Jones' Grandma), was Supervisor last year, likely to be willing again

Forms will be sent out January 9/10, 2024, of first week back. There will be a box in office to drop off song requests, will need to order glow in dark items.

Breakfast of Good Cheer

Volunteer List is good, just need early people to set up,

Everything is in order; a full schedule needs to be made. Tracy and Stacie to make up who comes when, Stacie to order cutlery, plates and napkins.

Photo place? Lots of work. (Notes from last meeting regarding consent). Stacie will figure something out

Volunteers for this event to dress *CHEERY*.

Holiday Shop,

Any needs? Volunteer, to help kids shop and wrap. 1 room to shop, science room annex, next room to wrap, December 18/19, 2023 (Monday and Tuesday) Volunteers so far: Tiffany, Emily from 9:30-3:30

Schedule will need to be made.

Wrapping Paper donations? Brown bags ran out last year. Also need lots more donations of gifts as the inventory are less than last years.

Crystal Palace Singing – Cara – Perth Township will set up risers on the 13th, Cara will be checking the space on the 15th. 80 kids involved.

Date is December 16th, 2023, arrival at 9:30am, line up on the parking lot side, start with grade 6 to enter and work towards descending grades. 10:00am start.

Lanark County Stewardship Council, Emily – 30 years of participation coming to an end. Council would like to give a donation for Forest Project for Stewart School, approximately a couple thousand dollars. This will happen in the upcoming year,

Questions:

Kelly: What are the rules behind having CRC – VSS? Some volunteers are not directly supervising kids – as they have a teacher always with them. Some activities do not include the responsibility for children, such as escorting the students to and from Lanark Community Care for Hallowe'en Parade.

Stacie: In theory yes you are correct, but it is to cover our bases and to know who is in the school, and it's a matter of abundance of caution. Some volunteers could be reading with kids. **Board Policy: The Upper Canada District School Board will not allow school access to Service Providers or Volunteers who have direct and regular contact with students: who have not provided a Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening,**

Emily: Are there any donations needed for snow related toys? On the School grounds?

Stacie: Toboggans, were treated well. Lots of sleds and shovels remain. We tried juice jugs, but they were not good for snow as they were brittle in the cold, they are good for sand. Maybe snow makers are they are made of heavy plastic, but the kids are happy with what they have and worked well with an assembly line today.

Parking for concerts, is this snow dependent? Will it be behind the gym? Dec 20th 2023

Stacie: It will be in the back again, but not for the Kinder Concert. There will be NO PARKING on side of bus lane, parking on pavement only, back half closer to Wilson St. This is good for grandparents as it is closer than the accessibility spots as they can go straight into the gym.

Cara – 16th – fundraising things that didn't sell, we usually have quite a good crowd so we can set up a table and try to sell any remaining items.

Next meeting Jan 22, 2024 @18:30

Meeting adjourned at 19:10