

IN PERSON AND VIRTUALPARK AVENUE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday April 13th, 2023

7:45 pm (7:00-7:45pm closed meeting)

In attendance:

Kevin Lillico	Lisa Mason	Win Combaluzier
Kris May	Allison Gold	Katie Cook
Danielle Rosa	Robyn Francis	Shawna Wenzel
Michelle Puddy	Alanna Oddleifson	Jessi Krystal
Aaron Noordhuis	Ashley Warner	Melanie Marcus
Robyn Pisano		

Regrets

Tara Derbidge
Nicole Randazzo
Audrey Kim
Leslie Santorelli

Teacher Representative

Jennifer Greenham

Administration

Liz Davis
Crystal Mott
Gillian Cousineau

ITEMS

Welcome

- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of Minutes; parent request clarification on minutes, approval pending
- School Council Forum Recap
 - o YRDSB Mental Health Strategy
 - o Inclusive schools, participation from all families (different ideas to help promote family engagement beyond fundraising)
 - o Family engagement can look different; council, events, at home etc
 - o Encouraging thinking outside the box
 - o Streaming vs. de-streaming – moving away from streaming and toward de-streaming, more for high school level
 - o Identity and Mental Health, stressors, and trying to figure out who they are as people
 - o Validation
 - o Identifying stressors and different ways they are presenting
 - o ABCs of Mental Health; Acknowledge Bridge Connect
 - o Have a check-in person
 - o A 3 year regression has been observed in social and emotional skills, notably high with the younger grades, both in and outside the classroom

Treasurer's Report

- Account Balance; \$20 734.51

Administration Report

- Professional Learning Communities – needs of the students
- Right to Read Report—teaching reading differently
 - o Identity confirming texts
 - o Currently working on creating tasks for learners
 - o Text Selection Tool – texts used to meet the needs of learners; inclusive texts
 - o Texts are to represent the identities of the students in the class
 - o Designed to help kids feel seen and to teach others about acceptance
 - o This information may or may not be shared with families, would depend on the circumstances
- TAIBU Presentation April 27th & 28th for grades 7 and 8
 - o Teachings about anti-black racism
 - o Learners will participate in workshops and bring their learning back into the classroom
- EQAO May 23rd-27th for Grade 6s May 29th-June 2nd Grade 3s
 - o Will be conducted online
- Revitalization Update
 - o Permission for 200 ft for path has been approved
 - o Some tables have been approved
 - o Details pending
- Math After School Program was a success, a big thank you from Mrs. Plodder for donations
- SOAR – Learning Disabilities Association
 - o For Gr 7 and 8s transitioning to high-school
 - o 4 series program
 - o Cost was covered for the 15 people registered
- Grad Night; June 27th, 2023
 - o Movie Night was a big success

Staff Report

- Forest of Reading- reading opportunities at recess
- Jr. Basketball doing well
- Track and Field May 30th-31st for Gr 4-8
- Library Tower Garden
- Grade 5s created a school wide scavenger hunt for Earth Week
- Book Reviews displayed from Grade 4s
- Girls Inc, empowering girls from 6-18 years, Sarah Tomas
- Yearbooks are on sale and a cover contest is currently in progress, theme- Moments Matter
- Community Unity – a group with focus on community

Dance-A-Thon

- A big thank you to Miri Lillico for all her efforts, as well as the subcommittee for creating a successful event

- Took data on popular and unpopular prizes for future fundraisers (data based on tickets placed into buckets)
- \$9 917.80 raised, after expenses **\$8 399.79**

Skate Night

- April 28th (new date)
- Volunteers; Win, Danielle, Shawna, Robyn F.
- School board has allowed the Arena's insurance for coverage
- Clarification will be made to the flyer; parents are required to attend, however are not required to be on the ice

'Works' Burgers

- May 4th
- Profit will be given to Gr 8s (Graduation)
- Flyer is ready and will be sent out soon

Fall Décor/Flowers

- Cost is the same as previous years
- Planning on ordering earlier
- Fall mums voted in for order

ProGrant/Steam Night

- Event will be on June 15th
- Thought for the style of the night – Trade Show Style
- Will be a soccer area (3 spaces)
- Staff Member Meagan Glanfield will also run a basketball event (for families to engage together)
- There will be food trucks
- Picnic area
- Subcommittee to be decided
- Grandparents Tea
 - o new name ideas; Tea Time, Superhero Tea (not confirmed)
 - o Tea Event voted to be a separate event from Steam Night
 - o Tea subcommittee; Shawna, Alanna, Melanie, Michelle

Other

- Monies raised are allowed to be carried over yearly as the Revitalization requires a large amount of money
- Subway Lunches has also been helping with classroom budgets

End at 8:56 pm

Next meeting; Thursday May 18th, 2023