

## **IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PARK AVENUE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday February 2nd, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

### **In attendance:**

|               |                   |               |                   |                |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Crystal Mott  | Gillian Cousineau | Kris Maye     | Danielle Rosa     | Michelle Puddy |
| Kevin Lillico | Aaron Noordhuis   | Robyn Pisano  | Leslie Santorelli | Lisa Mason     |
| Allison Gold  | Katie Cook        | Shawna Wenzel | Alanna Oddleifson |                |
| Ashley Warner | Win Combaluzier   | Robyn Francis |                   |                |

### **Regrets**

Tara Derbidge  
Nicole Randazzo  
Jessi Krystal  
Melanie Marcus  
Audrey Kim

### **Teacher Representative**

Megan Glanfield  
Jennifer Greenham

### **ITEMS**

#### **Welcome**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Norms; school council code of ethics, e-mails (who wants to be on certain e-mail chains), subject line of e-mails to match content of said e-mails
- Council update; skate night and Dance-a-thon being organized and dates are set
- Logo for front entrance being selected (council logo)
- Drop box issues have been resolved
- Looking at a possible movie night
- Park Avenue "Good Deeds Cup," students can work toward this achievement that would be awarded in the last month of the school year
- The next "Works" burger night will be designated for the Grade 8 Graduation
- As requested on behalf of the Math Club \$100 voted to be spent on supplies
- EQAO results require a subcommittee for how the council can best support the school based on the latest testing results, the following are those who volunteered for said
  - o Win Combaluzier
  - o Audrey Kim
  - o Shawna Wenzel
- A window sign/poster has been created by Lindsay Harrison and has been posted for the school community to gain further information on the Council and the Council's role
- Mabel's Labels account has been activated, once sales are over \$50.00, \$5.00 will come to the school
- Physical flyers will be provided by Mabel's Labels for distribution
- Approval for November Minutes – yes

- Parent; express issues with time allotted (or lack thereof) for concerns being presented to Council and Administration
- Further; conflict of information for how many meetings are required per school year (4 or 6 ... to be confirmed)
- This meeting was originally scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to weather
- Parent; questions about why the meeting was not held virtually

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance \$10 250.\*\*
- No action, or little since last meeting
- \$100. Will come out for the above math club approval amount
- \$8000.00 set for playground revitalization program

### **Dance-a-Thon**

- Subcommittee; Shawna Wenzel and Tara Derbidge
- Set for February 16<sup>th</sup>
- \$1500 to run
- D.J. Bob Hawkins has been selected
- Parent; question as to why the previous DJ (Bob Hawkins) was not used,.. Subcommittee was unaware of the previously used DJ
- 3 designated activities; Dance, Yoga, and games
- Chair put forward a family member of his for the Yoga instructor at the rate of \$250.00 vs other quoted Yoga instructors, Council agreed that the family member at the lower rate was a better choice
- The event will be divided by grade levels; Primary, Intermediate, and Senior
- Prizes; \$250 gift card for Best Buy (per \$100.00 raised by student) movie tickets, pizza party, toys r' us gift card, other smaller prizes
- An afternoon party for the class that raised the most funds
- Pledge Form will be sent out tomorrow (February 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Skate Night**

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served process, or possible split the time (30 minutes each) depending on how many people attend
- Will be held at Sharon Arena
- Details will be in the Park Post as well as a flyer to be distributed

### **Family Input Survey**

- Council attendees reviewed the results
- 38 responses (38 family responses)
- Purpose is to review and consider \$500.00 ProGrant when brainstorming ideas on how to rectify issues and concerns presented on this Survey
- Parent(s); concern presented during meeting was that some parents were unaware of this survey in general

- Was provided during the parent teacher interviews
- Issue discussed was the way information is shared from the school to the school community
- Parent; If not having a permanent home room teacher, then communicating with the temporary teacher is next to impossible through Edsby as they are generally not provided access the same way on that platform
- Parent; high numbers noted in the racism, discrimination, and student conflict sections
- ProGrant to host an evening event, has to be presented to the School Board for approval, can bring in the speaker on a Thursday evening (permit night)
- Could also combine with other schools to get more out of the evening (more monies would be available for speaker options)
- Parent; should offer virtual option, and child care to hopefully have more families attend
- Teacher; have something similar to “Basketball and Books” night, something to engage the parents and the students together as an incentive to attend the evening (something more than just a speaker... fun and informative)
- Police Officer for a speaker, a parent advised the committee her mother-in-law was a Sgt for the Safety Village Program, possibly a consideration
- Further discussions for an “Incentive Night with Community Partners”

#### **Administration Report**

- A Data Analysis group has been created by the staff to look at report cards, progress reports, and EQAO and begin working on issues that are noted
- A survey was conducted for grades 6-8 on their personal experiences within the school
- Parent; concerned about the questions that were on the survey and the impact on their child
- Administration explained the questions and purpose of the survey
- Librarian Adminstrated the survey
- The survey was optional
- The results will be shared with the Grades 6-8m for reflection and learning opportunities
- The school is working on educating and supporting the school community as a whole

#### **Teachers Report**

- Many activities happening within the school, volleyball, basketball, choir, dance club, chess club (2 clubs primary and intermediate, very popular club), book club, the Nest for Indigenous Learners, and others
- Students have requested other activities such as ball hockey, and Rubiks cube
- The Park Avenue Band will be playing O Canada at the Marley’s Game tomorrow (Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### **Other Business**

- Parent; asked about the Safety Village Program, for students leading into the warmer months
- School Trips, consider subsidizing classes that haven’t yet had a chance to go on a field trip yet this year

**End at 8:45 pm**

**Next meeting; Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**