

IN PERSON AND ONLINE PARK AVENUE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:00pm

In attendance:

Kevin Lillico	Win Combaluzier	Robyn Pisano	Crystal Stewart
Katie Cook	Shauna Wenzel	Kris Maye	Tracie Blakslee
Aaron Noordhuis	Ashley Warner	Michelle Puddy	Jeremy Blakslee
Jen Wilson	Lauren Aleito	Alanna Oddleifson	Ashley Watts
Melissa Misiuda	Don Stratton	Kelvin	Nadia
Natasha Arczewski	Jen Norton	Meaghan Potts	Robyn Francis
Leslie Santorelli	Lisa Masen		

On-line attendance:

Karolina Blioumenfeld

Regrets

Allison Gold	Brent Weir	Olly Grishin	Invesca Gareev
Chris Weston	Julia March	Ryan Watts	Helen Blackwood
Jess Krystal	Amber Preston	Andrew Corry	

Teacher Representative

Jennifer Greenham
Kelly Barbarich

Administration

Crystal Mott
Gillian Cousineau

ITEMS

Welcome

- Land Acknowledgement
- Reviewed Norms
- Connection Activity
- January Minutes approved

Chair Report and Update

- **Ice activity** – Confirmed April 4/24 – EG Arena – 6:30-7:30pm
 - o Snack bar / popcorn machine
 - o Bring extra skates – ask for donations
 - o Lobby – games / gym rental - \$300 for both
- **Restaurant Fundraiser?**
 - o Local? If nothing local then The Works? Yes
 - o Proceeds to go to Grade 8 graduation
- **Dance-A-Thon** – February 29/24 – Raised \$9,644 so far
 - o Grade 6-8 – raised enough to have dance outside of school hours – date TBD
 - o Primary – yoga – free
 - o Scholastic donation – Thank you Alanna
 - o Lego donation – outside donation
 - o Budget allocated \$2K – Approved by Council – have spent \$1,177 so far

Treasurer's Report

- \$16,600.17 current balance
- New Account Breakdown: (review from January 2024 minutes – does not reflect current balance)
 - o **School Council General** - Day to day activities & events - **\$2,958.39**
 - o **School Council Classroom** - Money for field trips / classroom supplies (\$100 per class) - **\$2,600.00**
 - o **School Council Angel Fund** - Money to support students in need - **\$700.00**
 - o **School Council Event Back Up** - To support overages & additional events - **\$3,000.00**
 - o **School Council Playground** - Holding account for money raised towards the Playground - **\$7,000.00**
- **School Council Project** - **\$1,500** – send email to gather suggestions - e.g. boom box for outside, send in suggestions
- **RIBS forms review** – As advised by Chair K.Lillico, SAC is not being discussed during this meeting
 - o **f/u with cell phones** – feedback from from families, students & staff
 - **cell phones policy** – removed from unsupervised 20 min from lunch
 - teacher is responsible if allowing students to use phone during class
 - 77 responses – K-Grade 8 – main reason students bring phone – tracking/contact – most of the responses were no
 - Mrs. Abeleos sourcing supports for stress from social media for students
 - Students using phone as a calculator – Parent Council suggested to purchase if needed; not needed, there are enough in the school
 - o **Vaping** – presentation on vaping – if students caught then suspension
 - Some schools piloting vaping detectors
 - o **Facebook comments** – to be addressed in Admin report
 - Racism in school
 - Musical Instruments

Agenda question – should agenda presented in the Park Post reflect the agenda that is presented during the Parent Council meeting – they were not the same this month (February 2024) – to be reviewed to streamline

RIBS questions

- Review of forms– items brought up to discuss as Council or just Admin presentation?
 - o they are discussed during area of placement (where it makes sense)
- Is there a possibility of shrinking the date down from 10 days?
 - o Agenda is shared up to 3 days prior to the meeting, is it possible to shrink down the timeline for the RIBS form submissions?
 - o Also anyone can reach out to Admin directly for concerns

Teacher Update – Jennifer Greenham & Kelly Barbarich

- Pokémon club
- Sign language club
- Youth S.P.A.C.E – YRDSB initiative – Phase 2 - continuing to meet – Grades 5-8 – mostly grade 6 students but some in grades 7 & 8
 - o Pink Shirt Day – Youth Space Sticker – designed by students – give students stickers for Pink Shirt Day – parent printed for students
 - o Cookie Fundraiser – raised \$290 for the playground – woot-woot!!
- Arts club happening for grades 6, 7 and 8s
- Drama club
- Dance club
- D&D club (Dungeons and Dragons)
- Primary Eco-Club
- Students are initiating clubs
- Intermediate Boys – Placed 4th
- Intermediate Girls Basketball – Placed 1st
- Chess tournaments are happening Grades 1-3 and 4-8
- Forest of Reading
- Manie Musicale – Grade 4-8 – Global French music competition – possible assembly for winner on April 11, 2024
- YRDSB providing skills leadership opportunity – Grade 6,7 & 8 – online

Administration Report

- Benches are on site – awaiting installation, dependent on weather
- Vendors have come to Park Ave P.S. to provide quotes/options for playground
- Professional Learning Comm. – Foundations of Language – systemic teaching for reading
- In House Carnival – For K-Grade 4, led by Grades 5-8 (Grade 5 to plan for Grade 1's)
 - o Wristbands for when entering
 - o Aiming for April 5/24
- EQAO – Planning coming up – teacher meeting coming up
 - o Tests to be completed online
- Prayer Room – in office that used to be health room – yoga mat, lamp, access through office
- Caring & Safe School Assembly – YRDSB provided videos
 - o Admin delivered presentation
 - o Code of conduct
 - o Respect for students & teachers
- RIBS concerns addressed by Admin:
 - o Bullying – student to go to staff – staff will need to determine is it repeated? Targeted?
 - Consequences – progressive discipline / restorative coaching
 - What if staff is not homeroom teacher? Does it go to homeroom teacher?
 - Pit stop – send student there for lunch/recess to report
 - o Racism – how to support?
 - Engage Inclusive Schools?
 - What is the school approach? Documentation?

- Able to use “Report It” tool on YRDSB website – Caring & Safe Schools, Principal, V.P & Superintendent receive a notification re: submitted report and are required to investigate
- Concern – how does Admin know if an incident occurred which would be considered to be harassment/racist/bullying if there are either individual or multiple incidents from the same/other students to the individual victim/other victims if they are being reported to a variety of staff?
 - Suggestion – a single reporting tool for all e.g bully/harassment/racism incidents even if they are dealt with/resolved at the time of the incident to ensure Admin are aware that that specific incident occurred
- Musical Instruments – Grade 7 & 8 – no mold in instruments, tarnish on some of the brass instruments – all have been thoroughly cleaned - \$24K for ultrasonic cleaning
 - Some of the cleaning cloths had mold on them – they were wet and had been kept in plastic bags – all of these have been discarded
 - New drying system – drying racks
 - Will restart March 4/24
 - Cleaning instruments – Oxivir & paper towel
- Safety Concerns – SAC – individual meetings with Student Service Coordinators & Superintendent

Subcommittee Work Time

- Notes were not taken at this time

Next meeting; Thursday, April 18th, 2024 – 7pm