

IN PERSON PARK AVENUE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday September 29th, 2022

7:00 pm

In attendance:

Crystal Mott Gillian Cousineau Kris Maye Danielle Rosa Michelle Puddy Nicole Randazzo
Jessi Krystal Kevin Lillico Aaron Noordhuis Robyn Pisano Shawna Wenzel
Melanie Marcus Allison Gold

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Ploder

ITEMS

Welcome

- purpose to establish what council is
- agenda, participation from teacher/staff member
- establishing and continuing norms and agreements of the council
- watch video on the story of Orange Shirt Day (Phyllis Webstad Story YouTube)

Land Acknowledgement

Staff Report – Mrs. Ploder

- Truth and Reconciliation Day is tomorrow
- Teachings on this topic as well as having the students make personal connections
- Volleyball is starting for Grades 7 and 8s Grade 6s are invited as well to participate
- Band is starting for Grades 7 and 8s, instruments were handed out
- There will be a flag football tournament on October 7th
- There will be a meet for cross country on October 6th, to take place at The Rock
- Clubs will be starting again, generally in January (lego, building, chess, yoga etc)
- Next week – Subway Lunches and Pizza Lunches will begin
- There will be spirit wear available again starting October 17th, same as last year, it will be available for 3 weeks, and the school will receive 10% of the sales
- All staff happy to be back in school
- Intermediate volleyball is now, and junior has not started yet, dates are still pending
- There is talk about possible 3 pitch co-ed baseball, nothing has been confirmed
- Lunch monitor program for students Grades 5-8, lots of volunteers

Pokemon – Mrs. Mott

- o Creates tension and hostility
- o Issues of selling/trading in the bathrooms
- o Trading issues in general
- o Solution – meeting to educate students on real vs. fake cards
- o Create a Pokemon Club, with supervised trading

Administrators Report – Mrs. Mott

- Great start up
- Small class placement reorganization
- 26 students affected
- The kindergarten classes were also balanced in this process
- Staff PD now focused on Multi Language Learners (MLL), early years literacy program, kindergarten and primary team
- School Grounds Enhancement Plan
 - o Application was submitted
 - o Patrick Smith has now taken over the application review
 - o There is some delay due to concern about water catchment and placement
 - o There is enough money to do a path, hopefully before the winter weather sets in and before the New Year
 - o Tables and benches approval is pending

Council

- Watch YouTube video called “What School Council is All About”
- Review School Council Role
- Student Leadership Team (for student representative) is currently being revised
- On-Line Hybrid Meeting Model to be established for future meetings
- Executive Roles
 - o Chair: Kevin Lillico
 - o Treasurer: Michelle Puddy and Shauna Wenzel
 - o Secretary: Robyn Pisano
- **Future Meeting Dates**
 - o **October 20th**
 - o **November 24th**
 - o **January 12th**
 - o **February 9th**

Fundraising

- Winter Fundraiser – advertise early, teacher interview night(s), new school community members
- Dance-a-thon discussed to keep as a February fundraiser
- The Works fundraiser – has to be dine-in or take out (pick-up) will not apply to Door Dash, Uber Eats etc
- Suggested to conduct The Works or similar fundraiser multiple times a year to fund yearly needs of the school, and use the larger fundraisers to support the School Grounds Enhancement Plan

Miscellaneous

- Things to consider; how do we support the Early Literacy Program as a council
- Difficult behaviours post Covid, better than last year but still an issue
- Park Avenue Website domain available, consider having a stronger online presence

Meeting Concluded at 8:30 p.m.

