

IN PERSON AND ONLINE PARK AVENUE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday October 26th, 2023

7:00pm

In attendance:

Kevin Lillico	Meaghan Potts	Win Combaluzier
Robyn Pisano	Katie Cook	Chris Weston
Shauna Wenzel	Alanna Oddleifson	Aaron Noordhuis
Ashely Warner		

On-line attendance:

Natasha Arczewski Ashley Queiser

Regrets

Allison Gold
Kris Maye
Leslie Santorelli
Michelle Puddy
Jess Krystal
Robyn Francis

Teacher Representative

No Representative

Administration

Crystal Mott
Gillian Cousineau

ITEMS

Welcome

- Land Acknowledgement
- Norms based off of last years feedback - review
- Connection Activity

Chair Report and Update

- On-line Surveys when necessary (for council to review items in between meetings) – voted yes
- A “due date” will be used to keep things moving forward (to account for no responses)
- Constitution Changes
 - o Virtual meetings will be used for weather or other meeting interruptions
 - o New voting members will be able to join post first school year meeting
 - o They will have to attend at least one meeting in the school year and at the second meeting the person may be voted in by current voting members
- Minutes will be approved prior to next meeting, via e-mail, however will still be reviewed in person
- Minutes and agenda will be posted on school website – voted yes
- Time limits will not be placed on agenda topics – voted yes
- Fall fundraiser was a big success
- Fundraising profit numbers will be shared with school council via e-mail, and then posted in the Park Post for the school community

- Holiday Décor Fundraiser – voted yes
- Pro Grant available, up to \$800.00 per school, can join another local school or more to increase available funds
 - o Subcommittee work opportunity to be considered

Treasurer's Report

- \$18 042.00 is our current balance
- Money used for fall fundraiser has not been taken out as of yet

Administration Report

- No teacher representative this evening
- Youth S.P.A.C.E. is a new program working with Grades 6,7, and 8 leaders, to help promote student mental health
- Students will receive training on self-esteem, anxiety, and mental health
- Watch YRDSB video on Youth S.P.A.C.E.
- Review most recent EQAO data (this information is available online)
- School generally happy about the results from students, and currently looking at areas of further improvement
- Staff and members of the Council attended a YRDSB Forum
- This forum covered the following topics
 - o Vaping, was a slight issue with Park, however not of concern at this time. School will be focusing on educating students on this topic
 - o Stress in Children; their perception is their reality
 - o Racism; Data shows that black youth are the most targeted
 - o Supporting School Attendance
 - o Fundraising – proper allocation of monies
 - o Travel – active school travel (walking, biking etc) some schools are piloting “Walking Wednesdays”
- Boys volleyball, won 4 games yesterday
- Girls volleyball, will be going to Provincials tomorrow in Halton
- Poke-mon Club still going strong
- Thinking of doing a walking challenge during recess – still in the planning stage
- Parent Idea – what about weekly obstacle courses for kids, and older students
- Halloween
 - o Each class will be decorating a pumpkin (thank you to Aaron Noordhuis for pumpkins)
 - o No Parade
 - o Scare Crow Invasion activity planned for students
- Bookfair will be the week of November 13th
- Two tables and benches are to be installed, date unknown at this time
- Students grades 3-8 will be asked for their input for the next piece of school yard equipment to be installed

Subcommittee Work Time

- Notes were not taken at this time

End at 9:10 pm

Next meeting; Thursday November 23rd, 2023