



**Pine Grove PS School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Joanne Lomanno (Principal), Marty Lee (Vice Principal), Krista Kamstra-Cooper (recorder), Jennifer Eramo, Jnisha Ragavan, Sukaina DiZazzo, Melinda Tagliarino-Akbary

**Regrets:** Gloria Brooks- she was online

Time	Agenda Item	Notes:
6:30 pm	Welcome Each participant introduces themselves Land Acknowledgement Meeting Norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attentive Listening</li> <li>• Appreciation/No Put-Downs</li> <li>• Right to Participate/Right to Pass</li> <li>• Mutual Respect</li> </ul>	Ms. Lomanno and Mr. Lee and Council Chairs (Jennifer and Sukaina)
7:05 pm	Passing of Agenda and October Minutes	Agenda not formally approved and October 19 <sup>th</sup> minutes not reviewed at this meeting.
7:10 pm	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Report \$19000 balance currently.  Ms. Lomanno reported that the ProGrant funds from last year were not paid by the YRDSB by cheque, but deposited directly into the school account (not school generated funds)
7:15 pm	Administrator's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro Grant</li> <li>• Fundraising Plan</li> <li>• Principal Profile</li> </ul>	-no Admin Report was shared from Marty/Joanne re: school updates  <b>Pro Grant</b> <a href="https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils/parents-reaching-out-pro-grants-school-councils">https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils/parents-reaching-out-pro-grants-school-councils</a>  Ms.Lomanno Shared the pro-grant presentation for 2022-23 from the board/ministry. There isn't a direct deadline, however a final

report and submission of invoices must be done by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ACTION: ProGrant to be on next agenda to make final decision about the project.**

### **Spending Council Funds**

- We need to determine what to spend our carry-over funds on ..will it be chromebooks? This was voted on last year and reviewed in previous meetings this year so we do not need to determine this anymore
- Admin still waiting to hear back on whether ministry is still matching funds spent on devices this year
- Last meeting (October) was our fundraising meeting and we agreed to consider the following for spending this year:
  - Speakers/Sound system
  - guest speaker coming to the school
  - tech
  - discussed this meeting:
  - Covering the cost of transportation for trips
  - Leadership team has been looking into options and presented us with “**Tour for Humanity**” and explained that this is a large bus that arrives and parks at the school, and runs workshops within the bus for students, eg. “Simon’s Story” is a movie-based workshop that helps to educate about the Holocaust, which is now becoming part of the grade 6 curriculum

**Principal profile** - Was due December 1st, 2022 – there was no time to discuss this item

7:25 pm

School Council

- Pizza and Swiss Chalet
- Skate night
- 360 Kids
- Dance-a-thon

January 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day confirmed with Ital Pizza. Feedback on Ital pizza has been positive  
**ACTION: Council agreed to continue with Ital pizza. New order form needed to finish off the remainder of the school year.**

Swiss Chalet orders have been steady (approximately 80 families).

**ACTION: Council agreed to open orders for the remaining weeks with Swiss Chalet for families to order by cheque as opposed to CashOnline**

\*\* Ms. Lomanno noted that there are many families who are not set-up with CashOnline. This is particularly true with our new families.

**Skate Night:** Jnisha researched and make contact with the city to find out the cost of renting ice time at the community Centres. It seems that hockey teams have the ice booked most nights. The cost is \$223 per hour. Insurance would be an additional cost.

**ACTION: The decision about skate night was brought to a vote. The decision was not to pursue a skate night this year.**

**360 Kids** <https://www.360kids.ca/>

- Items are coming into the classrooms and being placed in designated boxes, some classes have already filled boxes and asking for more
- There will be an assembly towards the end of the collection period, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to speak with the students and help to educate them about the

program and why these items are being collected

- Sarah has been communicating with the contact at 350 Kids and will have her connect with Joanne to establish how the assemblies will happen (break up students into groups and really “water down” the information being presented to the primary grades. Kindergardners not to be included in the assemblies)
- Currently the cut-off date for the collection is December 20th, which would allow for any more items to “trickle in” after students have the assembly

- **Dance-A-Thon –**

- **New Date: May 4th, 2023**

- Still the issue of the school’s current speaker system not being able to handle this event, so we discussed the hiring of a DJ for the event, and having the funds come out of council budget

**ACTION:**

- Members will reach out to possible contacts who might be able to help with the DJ
- Have a letter drafted up and ready to share with businesses for the purpose of donating prizes for the event as some will require a letter on school letterhead prior to making a contribution
- Discussion surrounding making the event inclusive by not naming it a “dance” but rather a “movement break” to ensure that all students are able to participate
- Some businesses to try: Canadian Tire, Decathlon, as they are very much pro-activity
- Reach out to Ital Pizza to see if they would be interested in contributing gift certificates as prizes, or offer a pizza party lunch to the top earning classes per division

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still need to determine: how students will bring in pledges collected, and how they will be eligible for prize draws...do we use Cash Online to submit donations?</li> </ul>
7:40 pm	Other Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine whether council meetings will be in-person or virtual moving forward, as the hybrid option is not working <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* We left it that the chairs would connect with council members a few days prior to the next meeting and gauge whether in-person or completely virtual would be the favourable option</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Bring forward ideas as to how to <del>use council funds</del> – again, perhaps the only thing to discuss here is if we want to pick an item for the spring fling as an incentive OR we can just make it general and review the same things we've already discussed</li> <li>3. Reach out to businesses for fundraiser prizes</li> </ol>

**NEXT MEETING: January 18<sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 6:30 pm**