

School Council Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2022

1. School's Fundraising Plan 2022-2023

We are raising funds in support of our school goals of continuing to build a school community and enhancing programming for our students. Our plan is in keeping with the Director's Action Plan Goals:

- Fostering well-being and mental health
- Championing equity and inclusivity
- Building collaborative relationships
- Provide Effective Instruction and Assessment

Item	Amount
Guest Speakers/In School Trips such as	
-Youth Speak	\$2000
-DrumFit	
-Scientist in School	\$5850
-Prologue performance	\$2000
Extracurricular Supplies	
Primary and junior art clubs	\$300
Athletic Jerseys	\$1000
Play Program Equipment (pinnies, collapsible soccer nets, outdoor balls)	\$600
Social Skills group	\$250
-ingredients for cooking and activities	
Board Games	Donations of new games
Clubs and/or indoor recess	and/or \$500
Technology	\$3000
Staff T-Shirts	\$1000
Graduation - to support graduation activities and events (trip, sweatshirts, decoration at ceremony)	\$4000
Special Events: Carnaval de VDPS Family Literacy Day Spring Play Day Track and Field	\$1000
TOTAL	\$21 500

PLAN

Fundraisers	Expected Funds Raised
Pizza Sales	\$15 000 (~\$5000 raised from first 10 week block)
Tasty Ya	
Kid's Kitchen	~\$300
Graduation fundraisers - snacks once a month on a Friday	~\$100-200/month x 8 months = \$800-\$1600
Pizza and Water bottle Sales Curriculum Night	~\$250 (pizza was donated–Thank you!!)
Krispy Kreme Sales	
Art Cards for Kids	
Big Box of Cards - profit of \$11/box	
Smencils and Air Dough profit of: \$2 per Smencil and \$5 per Air dough	
Pink Shirt Sales	
Snacks at Movie Night	

2. Principal Report

- All Teachers will reach out by Thursday November 3, 2022 to inform parents of the asynchronous learning plan for Friday November 4, 2022
- Teachers will be available and responding to enquiries during their regular work hours on Friday November 4, 2022
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up. Parents will be able to schedule their interviews through Edsby next week
- Boys and girls volleyball has started. First game began this week.
- Students are doing the morning announcements.
- First school newspaper was published
- Parents require a vulnerable sector screening for volunteer opportunities at the school

3. Chairs Report

- Communication with Ms. Swerling and Ms. Stone should be conducted with chairs present/copied
- Sub committee meetings with Principal and VP should be done jointly with Chairs and Trustee
- Curriculum night was a success
- Who is the council and what do we do hand out will be added to the notes
- Suggestion to initiate- What do parents want from council suggestion box
- Suggestion to send out emails to remind parents about spirit days, pizza days, etc.
 - o This may be difficult to do. Parents need to be encouraged to read the weekly newsletter that is sent out every Friday and includes all necessary information.
- Suggestion to post updates on Edsby River
- **Plan->Communication/reminders to parents can be posted on the Viola Desmond PS Facebook Group**
 - o Calendar of different lunch programs
 - o Reminders about spirit days, special events, items for sale at the school (such as extra pizza)
 - o **Council to advertise Facebook group to the parent community**
 - o **Council to survey parents regarding whether they want/need parent reminders**

Viola Desmond School Council

Council Achievements to Date

- **Accomplishments**
- Thanks to our school community we have raised over \$15,000
- We have installed new basketball hoops and playground markings
- 2020
- Initiated kindness week
- Cookie sales
- Introduced lunch programs inc. pizza
- Movie nights
- Facilitated Fall dance for students
- Winter concert cookie/drink sales
- Curated lunch programs eg drama, dance, cooking
- 2021
- Virtual yoga night for families
- Received pro grant to host mindfulness evening for parents (Coping through Covid)
- 2022
- Welcome station at Curriculum night
- Introduced new lunch vendor (Yummy)
- Art for kids card sales

Proposed School/Community Spirit and Parent Engagement

- **2022/2023 Financial Objectives**
- Fundraise to \$ _____
- Gain funding from Pro grant (partner with other local PS to host event together)
- **Approved Initiatives**
- Meet and greet with parents and sell pizza/water @ curriculum night
- Proposed sales of pencils and air dough
- Movie nights
- Big Box Cards
- Pink shirt sales (spirit wear day)
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Family Bake night
- End of Year Fun Fair
- **Proposed Lunch Vendors**
- Yummy
- Subway
- **Proposed Lunch Programs**
- Karate
- Cooking
- Art
- Drama
- **Still under discussion**
- Kindness wee / Weekly snack shop / Pro Grant / Ice cream sales
- **Next Steps:**
- The council need assistance with all proposed initiatives – if you have time or experience to spare please reach out to us via Ms Swerling and we will happily welcome you to join a sub committee that suits your interests.
- The proposed fun fair is our biggest initiative to date.

Promote School Council Communication

- **Accomplishments**
- Enabled hybrid and in person meeting Wed Sept 28 & November 2, 2022
- **Next proposed meeting dates:**
- Jan 11 2023
- March 1st 2023
- May 10th 2023
- Minutes are taken at every council meeting and are available for all to read on the school website or can be obtained from the school office
- Regular communication in weekly school newsletter
- Subcommittees meet regularly with executive council member present when liaising with principal
- Whole school community are welcome to participate in council meetings. Only executive have voting rights.

Who are we?

Co-chairs: Sarah & Pam
 Treasurer: Tali
 Fundraising: Liana, Jodie, Jacky, Sabrina
 Lunch Programs: Tanya
 Members at large: Keren, Nasrin, Courtney

4. Fundraising Report

- Parent council voted to approve the following Fundraisers for the year:
 - o **November fundraiser- Smencil/Air dough**
 - 150 Smecils and 150 packages of Air Dough have been donated
 - \$2/smencil & \$5/air dough package
 - Will be available for purchase on school cash online
 - Fundraising subcommittee will organize and distribute to the school
 - o **December fundraiser- Movie night**
 - School will purchase license necessary for this event
 - All other equipment such as speakers/projector already available through the school
 - Snacks and pizza will be sold at the event to raise funds for the school
 - o **January- Big Box of Cards**
 - Will have a sample in the office for parents/students to view
 - Will provide digital flyer to families showing what cards are in the box
 - o **February- Pink shirts**
 - Orders need to be made early January to make sure they are ready for Feb. 22, 2022
 - o **March- Krispy Kreme**
 - Donuts will be ready for pick up on March 26, 2022
 - School/council will set up a drive through
 - o **April- Movie Night**
 - o **June- Fun Fair**
 - Council to begin planning
 - No fundraiser in May to allow time for fun fair planning
- Food drive
 - o Teachers will organize a food drive
 - o Need to identify organizations that will pick up the donated food
- Toy Drive
 - o Parent council to organize a toy drive in December
 - o Find organizations that will pick up donations
- We will not ear mark each individual fundraiser because we want to be able to be flexible. Will inform parents that our goal is to raise approximately \$20, 000 for the following:
 - o Guest speakers/field trips
 - o Funds to support extracurricular activities
 - o Technology
 - o Staff T-shirts
 - o Grade 8 grads
 - o Special School events

5. Lunch Vendors

- Subway secured for Thursday Lunches
- Current lunch vendor schedule (can be added to facebook)
 - o Monday- Tasty Ya
 - o Tuesday- Kids Kitchen
 - o Wednesday- Pizza
 - o Thursday- Subway
 - o Friday- Kids Kitchen

6. Lunch programs

- Musical theatre program – Act 1
- Chess Program
- Taste Buds Cooking Class
- Karate/martial arts
- Kids can Play
- Mad Science
 - o Majority of these programs are offering scholarships/subsidies to children who need them
 - o Can also use raised funds to support students who need scholarships/subsidies

7. Kindness Week

- Subcommittee meeting or email chain to be planned by January
- Anti-bullying day is Feb. 22