



Parent Council Meeting
October 3, 2022 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library

Attendance

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Kim Docherty
Lyndele Gauci
Tonya Cowle
Annette Nadeau
Samantha Dennis
Becky Mills
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Matt Maloney
Nicole Grady

Brikena Pazari
Cathy Colling
Kristina Schartzmann
Catherine Munro
Amber Trude
Christine Liew
Caley Clements
Amy Campbell
Jordan Lyall
Melanie Wood

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Review of school council positions – Kim Docherty
- Principals Report – Mrs. Haley-Twiss & Brikena Pazari
- Teachers Report – Janet Faurschou
- Budget Update – Annette Nadeau
- Election of 2022 – 2023 Council
- New Business
 - Playground & fundraising
 - Hot Lunch Discussion
- Set Next Meeting Dates

Start Time: 630pm

Welcome message from the 2021-2022 Chairperson Kim Docherty. Thanked everyone for coming, lots of new faces which is great to see. A quick explanation of the role of Parent Council in regard to the school and learning environment. Council may advise on the following: Curriculum and programs, communication and promotion of school activities, school code of conduct, school improvement plan, school dress code, fundraising activities, school leadership, school-community communication strategies,

extra-curricular activities, school-based services and community partnerships related to social, health, recreational and nutritional programs, community use of school facilities, co-ordination of local services for children and youth & board policies.

- We have official roles that will be elected this year however we value all voices, opinions and discussions on all matters throughout the meetings.

Land Acknowledgement – We would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the First Nations of this territory, for their care for, and teachings about, the land, the water, and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our Treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history.

Review of school council positions

These are the elected positions:

- Chairperson
- Co-Chairperson (not mandatory)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional School Council Representative
- Voting Members at Large (up to 12 maximum)

Principal's Report – Presented by Lorena Haley-Twiss

- Great start to the year – feeling welcomed by all parents & staff.
- Character trait of the month for September was Initiative. October is Respect.
- Open House (Sept 22) was fun and great to see everyone.
- Staffing changes with a few teachers & PCW (Personal Care Workers)
- Breakfast Club organized by Mary Coulas are in classrooms now.
- Brikena is leading Health Initiatives with nursing students in the school
- Ukulele for Kids is starting lessons on October 4 in first break
- Peterborough Petes gave the school 100 free tickets for students – a draw was held and it was a great turnout
- October 15 is a board-wide parent conference – all encouraged to attend
- October 18 is the date that IEP (Individual Education Plans) will go home
- October 17 is the soft cut off date for the Spirit Wear Sales. Monies raised will go towards Buddy Benches in the yard.
- Class reviews will be completed at the end of October for Grade 1 – 6.
Teachers are working very hard to meet students where they are and catch up if needed

- Coming up events include:
 - Peterborough Petes Ball Hockey (End of October)
 - Remembrance Day Display by Jimmy Chapman (Nov 3)
 - Remembrance Day Assembly (Nov 11)
 - Photo Retakes (Nov 14)
 - “Colour Blind” workshops for students & staff (Nov 15)
 - Progress Reports (Nov 18)
 - Camp Kawartha for Grade 1s (Nov 24 & 25)

Principals Report – Student Wellness – Presented By Brikena Pazari

- KPRDSB Return To School Plan – Masks not mandatory but accepted
- Fire Drill this week – must do 3 this term
- Request from board to redo parking lot lines – done before school started
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training offered for all support staff and admin
- First Aid Training will need to be updated for staff credentials
- Mental Well-Being continues to be focus from the board
- Superintendent John Ford visited the school and Lorena addressed concerns about facility with him. This included carpet in library, overall state of all cupboards etc. Project requests will need to be submitted.
- Health & Safety Inspections means replacement of all fire doors, exterior doors, lights, hydro covers on all portables, floor and bathroom stall repairs, limbing up of trees.

Teacher Report – Presented by Janet Faurschou

- Sept 24 - Pride Parade – Sheila Potter & Robyn Smith attended with students who came with their families
- GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) club was established this year at Edmison
- Sept 23 – Terry Fox Run with Krista Lavery – raised over \$4,000
- Sept 29 – Cross Country with Laura Smith & Brie Plante at Nicholls Oval. Grade 5 & Grade 6 boys and girls are going to KPREAA on October 12.
- Running Club has been set up with Jessica Ironside & Kathryn Toupin
- Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day – Robin Smith, Liz Maxwell, Sheila Potter ran this with guest speakers and film viewing in the library
- Oct 4 – Junior Soccer at Beavermead with Souleyman Sane, Kristy Tripp and Sarah Scholten
- Volleyball starts this week for Grade 4 – 6 with Krista Lavery in the gym
- Oct 11 - Macleans Pumpkin Patch trip for Grade 2s
- Oct 18, 21 & 27 – Warsaw Education Centre for Shiela Potter, Sarah Young & Carrie-Anne Dyson
- October 23 – 29 Canadian Down Syndrome Week
- October 31 – Hallowe’en “Come As You Are” Day – costumes, black & orange or wear whatever you like!

Budget Update – Annette Nadeau

- Our balance is currently at \$24,357.87 + a refund is coming from Lorena of approximately \$8,200 for the rock project that was completed in the summer.
- There was a review of the rock project for those in attendance that did not know about the project.

Election of 2022 – 2023 Council – Lorena Haley-Twiss

- Lorena asked the group if there was anyone who wanted to either put themselves or others up for the position of Chairperson. Tonya Cowle nominated Kim Docherty to be chairperson. Cat Munro seconded the nomination. Lorena asked if there was anyone who disagreed with the nomination. No one disagreed – Kim Docherty was elected Chairperson.
- Discussion about co-chair among group and consensus was no co-chair is required at this time.
- Lorena asked the group if there was anyone who wanted to either put themselves or others up for the position of Secretary. Kim nominated Tonya Cowle for the position. No one disagreed with the nomination – Tonya Cowle was elected for Secretary.
- Lorena asked the group if there was anyone who wanted to either put themselves or others up for the position of Treasurer. Annette put her hand up that she was okay to be the Treasurer again this year. No disagreements – Annette has been elected Treasurer. Annette is also the Regional School Council Representative at this time as well.
- Lorena asked the group online and in the room to put up their hand if they would like to be a voting member at large. These members must attend all meetings with the absent of one to be eligible to vote.
- Voting Members elected are:
 - o Melanie Wood
 - o Jordan Lyall
 - o Nicole Grady
 - o Matt Maloney
 - o Catherine Munro
 - o Amy Campbell
 - o Lyndele Gauci
 - o Kristina Schartzmann
 - o Samantha Dennis

New Business – Playground, Fundraising & Hot Lunch Discussions -Kim Docherty

- Kim has reached out to Henderson Recreation Equipment for a quote and drawing for a potential playground. The pictures and quotes were handed out to all in attendance. The approximate price quoted was \$106,217.74 + the costs for a board approved landscape architect. Kim says that roughly we will be looking at around \$115, 000.

- Kim also gave out a draft of a letter to be sent out to all parents describing our fundraising goals this year and a breakdown of what the cost would be approximately per child. The goal is to fundraise all the money this year instead of the normal 3-5 years that a playground fundraiser takes. We haven't fundraised in 2 years and now we have something very obvious that requires attention now. Looking for approval to send out the letter with a funny little attachment "not a fundraiser" about paying cash instead of buying into fundraisers.
- We had a discussion about trying to get the playground project into action now – getting the architect, paying a deposit etc. with the funds we have now so we don't have any delays when it comes to having the playground completed possibly next summer.
- Kim also provided a couple of examples of fundraisers:
 - o "Not a Fundraiser" Fundraiser
 - o Krispy Kreme – Selling Price \$10-\$12 our cost \$5 to buy
 - o Domino's Pizza Night – Dominos would give us a promo code and a specific date where only our school would be supported for. Each purchase gives \$5 back to our school.
- Kim asked for other fundraising ideas from the group.
Ideas given & briefly discussed included:
 - o Dance-A-Thon
 - o Holiday Greenery Arrangements
 - o Cookie Dough
 - o Chocolate (Worlds Finest or Purdys)
 - o Food Truck (ie. Beavertails)
 - o QSP Catalog
 - o Bottle Drive – January
 - o Go Fund Me Account
 - o Flipp Give – online gift card reimbursement
 - o School Class Competitions
 - o Spring Carnival/Fun Fair – could combine food truck too.
 - o Tru-Earth
 - o Adults Only – Bar Night/Pub Crawl
- A vote was held and agreed upon to initiate the "Not A Fundraiser" Fundraiser, Domino's Pizza Night, Coffee & Chocolate (Christmas-ish time), Dance-a-thon & Spring Carnival/Fun Fair. Kim will follow up with dates and more information as required for these events.
- Various members were going to obtain more information on the above listed fundraising items and bring them to the table for the next meeting.

Hot Lunch Program

- Kim explained the hot lunch program. This is usually the biggest continuous fundraiser that the school holds every year. Most parents need a break from making lunches and provided a variety of hot lunches is always welcomed. Hot lunch is a volunteer heavy activity, and the past last 2 years has been

hard to get consistent volunteers and schedule. Kim asked the group if there was anyone who may be able to help. Kim can help certain days until end of December but does not know what 2023 looks like at this point. Samantha said that she can help but it would need to change to maybe a Tuesday or Thursday due to her availability. Kim said that the date can change as long as there is someone available to help distribute and organize accordingly. Amy made a point saying that later in the week is usually better in her opinion for a hot lunch program.

- Discussions on what type of food we have had in the past include: Boston Pizza, East Side Mario, Kernels Popcorn, Yogen Fruz Smoothies, Pizza (usually from Pizza Shack), Pita Pit etc. A mention of Healthy Hunger was also brought up as an option.
- Pricing may go up due to current inflation. Kim would like to keep costs as low as possible to make sure all can access the hot lunches. This means that we may not make as much back in terms of a fundraiser this year.
- Kim will meet/talk to those interested and try to get the hot lunch program up and running.

Set Next Meeting Dates

- Looking at the first Monday night of every month. December has in the past (pre-covid) held at Boston Pizza. This can be discussed in the next meeting.
- Teacher rep Janet Faurschou will not be able to meet on Mondays but will discuss with Lorena about someone else taking her place potentially.
- Next meeting has been set for Monday November 7th at 6:30pm EHPS library or online.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:05pm.