



Parent Council Meeting
April 24, 2023 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library

Attendance:

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Brikena Pazari
Kim Docherty
Lyndele Gauci
Tonya Cowle
Amy Campbell
Samantha Dennis
Becky Mills
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Keith Munro
Amy Moore

Jackie Mercer
Tricia deRooij
Nicole Grady
Melanie Wood
Ashley McIlwrick
Jordan Lyall
Matt Maloney
Amber Trude
Mary Coulas
Aline Osmadian

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Approval of & Business Arising from the Previous Minutes– Kim Docherty
- Principals Report – Lorena Haley-Twiss & Brikena Pazari
- Teachers Report – Tricia deRooij
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis
- Treasurer Report – Annette Nadeau
- New Business
 - Communications re: speakers & groups – Becky Mills
 - School Cash Online – Lyndele Gauci
 - Request for primary play day funds – Kim Docherty
 - Playground update – Kim Docherty
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:30pm

- Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to another school council meeting.
- **Land Acknowledgement (Read by Kim Docherty)** – *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.

- **Previous Minutes** – Kim asked the group if there is any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion. None were brought up. Jordan motioned for the past minutes to be passed, Amy seconded motion. Group voted all in favour. Passed.
- **Principals Report** – See attached.
 - EDSBY was brought up in relation to recent comments made on the wall. Is there a way to moderate or filter comments? The answer is no. Comments are all or nothing. Some schools do not allow comments. We will keep the comments on for the school community to communicate unless it is hate speech. These are good education pieces when the community has questions that we can address.
 - Hot Lunch – Kim noticed on hot lunch day that our helping students could benefit from some safe food handling training. They are all doing a great job, just some tips and training would be helpful. Tongs have been suggested to help keep over touching of pizza down (even with gloves, care needs to be taken). Samantha says there are lots of tongs that pizza handlers can borrow from the nutrition program. Lorena will look into training for the future – maybe with help from the Trent Nursing Students.
- **Teachers Report** – See attached.
 - Aline Osmadian was here to talk about the Wizard of Oz play. She is very impressed and excited for all the hard work that everyone has put into this production. Dress rehearsals at Adam Scott will be taking place this week and then show nights are next week! Volunteers are still needed for front of house. We will have popcorn (Kernels) and water available for purchase. Tickets are available on school cash online until Friday, tickets can still be bought at the door on the nights of the play.
 - Discussion about having donation jars in the lobby on the tables for people to donate for the playground fund.
 - Discussion about having flowers available on the nights for purchase to give to the cast.
 - Everyone is very excited, and we cannot wait to see it all put together!

▪ **Nutrition Report**

- Samantha advised the group that her and Mary have started applying for funding for the Nutrition Program for next year. Positive outcomes are expected. There is a need for an additional chest freezer for storage. Mary is currently looking into the details to obtain this. Donations can be accepted.
- Muffins are back. Samantha meets with a group at Adam Scott every other week to coordinate the baking of muffins. Muffins need to be Quaker as they meet all the nutrition properties required by the board. More muffin mix is required, Samantha tries to stock up as much as she can with sale prices. Quaker does not do bulk warehouse orders or school donations. Other venues have been contacted for help, but nothing has been successful. Becky suggested reaching out to the social justice club and/or organizing a muffin mix fundraiser to the school community. Samantha said she loved that idea.
- Samantha is working on organizing Fresh From The Farm for the fall. This allows families to buy produce boxes for them as well as an option to donate a box to the local food bank/family in need. 40% of profits back to us. This will require volunteers for a day or two.
- Volunteers for the nutrition program are desperately needed for Monday/ Fridays now that the nursing students are complete.
- Nursing students completed the yogurt parfait with students – great success! Looking into options for this in the future. Options can include keeping the resources in the school which may be of great value.
- Discussions were had about compost/food cycling program to try and initiate in the school. This would also tie into the new food waste program that is coming to Peterborough in the fall. Something to investigate further.
- Lots of positive feedback on the nutrition program in general.

▪ **Treasurer's Report** – Balance approximately at \$30,900. Nature Nancy money to still come out of this.

▪ **New Business – Communications re: speakers & groups.**

- Becky had some comments on EDSBY that have been addressed with Lorena already. Becky was asking for better communication and transparency regarding workshops/events/presentations that occur at the school. More detailed information and even websites that parents can research the topic and speaker beforehand so parents can make a decision whether they want their child(ren) to participate. Lorena appreciated the feedback and has agreed to start giving out more information in different formats, i.e. EDSBY, school messenger, monthly newsletter etc. Lorena has ensured the group that all

presentations/events/speakers are chosen with the kids in mind. They are age appropriate and are either pre-emptive learning or dealing with things that are current in their lives or at the school. Lorena has also suggested parent info nights on topics of interest that local organizations can speak at and parents can ask questions or voice their concerns.

- Another suggestion would be if maybe we set up an advisory committee in September for speakers/workshops/events. Bringing new ideas, speakers and groups to choose from, research and open discussions.
- Grant monies from the regional meeting discussion and parent reach out programs can also be applied for, for these events.

▪ **New Business – School Cash Online**

- This was discussed via email interactions prior to the meeting date. Lyndele was wondering if there was something else that we can use other than school cash online or bring back MyWallet or credit card option. Lorena reached out to the School Business Office Operations and the response was:

“Hi Lorena,
Unfortunately, no to both. We have requested multiple times for the return of MyWallet, however this is not something KEV is able/willing to re-introduce. In regards to credit cards, unfortunately there is the added cost to using credit cards as method of payment and the board does not want that extra cost to be incurred by families, therefore credit cards is still not an option. I would suggest that if school council has concerns or would like to discuss credit card further they reach out to your Superintendent to address their concerns about not having credit card as a payment option as it would be Senior Admin/Board of Trustees that would need to approve this implementation.
Thanks,
Jenn”

Jennifer Stephen
Supervisor, School Business Office Operations

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▪ **New Business – Primary Play Day**

- Scheduled for June 16th, 2023
- JK – Grade 3 (Play), Grade 4 (Leaders), Grade 5 & 6 (Run Stations)
- Jackie has acquired donations from Costco for freezies etc. This is normally something that is brought to parent council for funding.
- Since the usual money given has been taken care of Holly Hogel has asked for \$500 to have Jimmy Chapman run a station for the play day. This was discussed and agreed upon to donate the money for Jimmy to

run a station. Amy Cambell motioned; Jordan Lyall seconded – all in favour. PASSED.

▪ **New Business – Playground Update**

- Kim just received the report from the board approved architect that attended our school to inspect the area for the new playground. She was only able to skim through it before the meeting but will send it out to everyone after the meeting.
- The architect's quote is on the low end of \$70,000. Henderson had sent a quote originally around \$40,000. This is a big jump in funds required for the playground.
- Drainage was brought up. Everyone is very aware of the drainage issues in our yard. A question was brought up about having the board come and see the yard and making them responsible to fix these issues. This can become (if it is not already) a safety issue. Tricia commented that it has been 15-18 years since they last "fixed" it.
- Suggestions to potentially move the playground to the upper part of the yard instead of the original space, if that will help bring the cost down and allow us to get a playground in sooner. Parts of our yard are bare and open.
- Matt had questions about scope of work, procedures, materials, and timelines. Kim was going to send everything to Matt so he can reach out and discuss directly, as this is in his wheelhouse more than Kim's.
- Hopefully Oz donations will help with the playground. Discussion on other fundraising can be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting set for Monday May 8th, 2023 – EHPS Library & Online.

Motion to adjourn – Amy Campbell. 2nd – Tonya Cowle.

▪ **Meeting Adjourned at 8:24pm.**