



Parent Council Meeting
October 16, 2023 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library

Attendance:

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Mary Heenan
Kim Docherty
Tonya Cowle
Noni Chowdhury
Samantha Dennis
Becky Mills
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Amy Campbell
Trista Rutledge
Kate Dunford

Sarah Harvey
Martha Hunter
Beth Morgan
Ashley Graham
Jordan Lyall
Matt Maloney
Amber Trude
Mary Coulas
Katie Jones
Luisa Magalhaes

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes
- New Business
 - Budget & Fundraising Plan for 2023-2024 year
 - Confirm Jimmy Chapman & Nature Nancy
 - Set Meeting Dates
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:37pm

- **Welcome** - Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to another parent 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 (October 2, 2023).

Keith Munro had sent an email prior to the meeting asking for an update on the pushing/wrestling situation. Did the assembly have the intended outcome? Are any other interventions needed/planned? If so, how are those going to be messaged and shared with the students?

Lorena answered that the assembly was well received with positive feedback. Staff have seen a huge decrease in this situation and most students are now asking permission for hugs and personal contact. She does not believe any further intervention is required currently.

Ashley Graham motioned for the past minutes to be passed, Lauren Fitzsimmons seconded motion. Group voted all in favour. Passed.

- **ADDITION: Student Council Representative – Gabi McCann**
 - Gabi represents the new Edmison Heights Student Council that is run by the students and overseen by Mme. Sheila Potter. Gabi spoke to the group about the new council, thanked the volunteers for the nutrition program, told the group they will be visiting classes to talk about improvements around the school that the students would like to see and that these will be reported back to the school and parent council. They are completing leadership training next week and are beginning to be school yard helpers at recess.
- **ADDITION: Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis**
 - Has had quick chat with the staff to talk about the nutrition program, funding etc. so everyone is on the same page.
 - We had a health inspector visit and they now say that dairy cannot be out all day even with freezer packs. Teachers are giving a hand and will get the dairy at second break and Samantha will pick up at the end of day. Staff involvement is up!
 - Fresh to the Farm – large success 94 boxes sold between \$800-\$900 will come back to the school. Over 400lbs will be donated to Kawartha Food Share.
 - Samantha is nervous about the budget for next year as currently we are 35%-40% more in the program then last year. This is due to food inflation, where we are allowed to purchase the food (only FreshCo on Brock St or Sobeys) as well as lack of volunteers. Less volunteers means we need to

purchase single serve and waste-based snacks as they are easier but not cost effective.

- Mary is looking for more grants – but hard to find for right now as they are applied for in previous seasons (i.e. Fall to Spring, Spring to Fall)
- Fundraising for 2024-2025 year to be discussed later in the school year.

▪ **Principal Report – Lorena Haley-Twiss**

- Aline Madian is back for this year in for Brie Plante’s maternity leave.
- A new play has been purchased(Alice in Wonderland)! Auditions will take place in the next couple of weeks. Plans to have matinee showings and inviting other groups and schools (Girl Guides, Minor Hockey, Elementary Schools etc.) for fundraising. There is a royalty fee every time the play is performed, a discussion will be had to determine how many times to complete the play publicly. Dates have not been determined as we are waiting for Adam Scott to finalize their dates first.
- Playground Update – by Nov 16 the current bids will end. More information will come once we are past that date. As far as we know the cost has been reduced. If bids are good, then we should be breaking ground in April 2024. An information letter to parents will be sent out tomorrow explaining the delay and process.
- Spirit Wear – looking into bringing this back before the holidays. Suggestion to keep an open website for all year, so there is no pressure to buy right away. Other store suggestions were given for cost comparison.

▪ **ADDITION – Teachers Report – Martha Hunter**

- Dominique Gregory has started up the Grade 6 yearbook. She is looking for old cell phones or point and shoot cameras for the Grade 6’s to be able to use for photos. These would be a donation to be used this year and following years. The yearbook is a pilot project for Grade 6s only this year. You can speak with Jordan Lyall as well for more information.

▪ **New Business – Kim Docherty**

- **Budget & Fundraising – Matt Maloney**
 - \$69,177.26 balance in the bank. Nothing has been moved for the playground yet.
 - Primary Play Day –usually around \$500 will be asked closer to date
- **Fundraising – Kim Docherty**
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Ashley Graham, Amy Campbell, Jordan Lyall, Matt Maloney, Becky Mills, Katie Jones, Noni Chowdhury

- Fundraising Ideas – Around the table
 - Lip Sync Battles – Students pay a small amount (25cents) and try to raise money to have their teachers compete in a lip sync battle. Would require teacher participation.
 - Nut Free Gourmet Cookie Tubs – Ashley Graham can organize in February.
 - Dominos Family Pizza Nights
 - Holiday Open House (December) – can include an art sale (students art sold all priced the same), a silent auction with themed baskets per classroom. Open House would need to be longer than one hour.
 - Movie Night – at a local theatre or in our school. Sale of tickets and popcorn/drinks.
 - Book Fair – December 5-7,2023 (proceeds go to the library)
 - Hot Lunches – pizza every week in November. East Side Marios is being researched between Lyndele Gauci and Ashley Graham. Will bring back up in November meeting.
 - Kernels Popcorn – at play or within the school
 - Sports Equipment Drive – this has been approved. Lorena will be reaching out to each class to obtain list of needed equipment. Parents can send items to school with child.

- Fundraising Board Report due end of October. This is just a rough outline; we do what we can. Ultimately all money goes back to the students regardless.

Hot Lunches – proceeds go to field trips, bussing etc.
 Dominos Pizza Night – proceeds to sports equipment
 Spirit Wear – proceeds to sports equipment
 Cookie Sales – proceeds to playground
 Movie Night – proceeds to playground
 Book Fair – proceeds to library
 Open House Activities – proceeds to playground
 Kernels Popcorn/Play – proceeds to playground

Motion to approve report for fundraising and budget by Lauren Fitzsimmons and seconded by Amy Campbell. Group voted all in favour – motion passed.

- **Jimmy Chapman & Nature Nancy**
 - All school inclusive for both as normal. Lorena is willing to cover Jimmy Chapman costs, as she would like to keep as much money as possible for the playground to stay with council.

- Council to supply up to \$4000 for Nature Nancy. Lauren Fitzsimmons motions for approval. Amy Campbell seconded motion. Group all in favour – motion passed.
- **Meeting Dates – Kim Docherty**
 - November 20, 2023
 - December 2023 – TBD
 - January 15, 2024
 - February 26, 2024
 - March 18, 2024
 - April 15, 2024
 - May 27, 2024

Next meeting is set for Monday November 20, 2023 at 6:30pm– EHPS Library & Online

- **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn – 1st - Jordan Lyall 2nd – Amy Campbell

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm.