



Parent Council Meeting
Monday, November 18th, 2024 – 6:00pm
1111 Royal Drive, Peterborough, ON

Attendance (In Person & Online):

Lauren Fitzsimmons
Mary Coulas
Samantha Dennis
Beth Morgan
Amy Campbell
Sarah Harvey
Alicia Leany
Mary Heenan
Rebecca Padgett
Liz Maxwell
Kate Dunford
Lyndele Gauci
Ashley Graham
Marsha Serville-Tertullien
Rebecca Wesley

Online: Tonya Cowle, Carlisle Froese

Regrets: Amberlea Nolan, Noni Chowdhury

Agenda:

- Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Land Acknowledgement – Mary Coulas
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes – Ashley Graham & Lyndele Gauci
- Principal's Report – Rebecca Padgett
- Teacher's Report – Liz Maxwell
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis & Mary Coulas
- Fundraising Report – Mary Coulas
- Treasurer's Report – Alicia Leany

- New Business- Lauren Fitzsimmons
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:04

- **Welcome – Lauren Fitzsimmons & Mary Coulas:** round table of names and positions, light online survey to provide feedback as to how everyone was feeling for the evening meeting.
- **Land Acknowledgement (Mary Coulas)** *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 – Lauren Fitzsimmons:**
 - Lauren Fitzsimmons asked the group if there were any questions or concerns arising from the previous meeting that required discussion. No additions however one change made to amend last name. Alicia Leahy to Alicia Leany. Revisions noted. Minutes approved by Ashley Graham and seconded by Lyndele Gauci – all in favour. Passed.

Business from previous Minutes:

- spending for Jimmy Chapman and Nature Nancy was approved
- East Side Mario's as a potential lunch option. Discussion regarding cost and whether people would be willing to pay for lunches. Our school to make approximately \$2 per meal sold
- discussion regarding the ability to purchase a meal for a unknown child. This can be set up with cash online and a note can go home to parents advising same.
- Going to try for ESM lunch option once a month

ACTION – Samantha will look into once a month option for hot lunch from ESM. Should be good to run in January.

Discussion regarding potential school wide pizza day for school. Allowing all children to have a piece of cheese pizza for free. Potential for Friday before March Break.

ACTION – Rebecca will discuss and follow up with Laura and look into logistics for a pizza day.

▪ **Regional Report – Lyndele Gauci**

- What is the role of the PCSCA? (Peterborough County School Council Association) – to provide information for all school councils
- At the October meeting there was Election of members
- Discussion of what we would like to discuss in future
- Is having a teacher rep a requirement under policy at councils? If teacher are refusing to participate can schools continue?
- Suggested teachers circulating to regional meeting group.

ACTION – Lyndele to attend next meeting on December 3rd 2024

▪ **Principal Report – Rebecca Padgett**

- Nursing students are finishing up next week – in classrooms K-6 talking to students and staff, helping with book fair as well
- Progress reports coming out on Friday
- Parent teacher meetings starting, teachers will be sending out individual messages regarding time slots and scheduling meetings
- SK-grade 2 – early screening readers, getting notification how children did, findings and reports show there are some under the provincial standard. Reports gives indication of next steps and work to be done with students and special education plus intervention
- Open House December 5th, 2024 6-7 pm
- Two new teachers will be assisting with Tracey Leeson and Gage/Gocool
- Two new fire drills
- December 12th, will be the grade 6 garage sale
- Auction basket sign up link working, teachers are signing up for their individual baskets.
- Bathrooms being renovated in summer 2025

▪ **Teacher Report – Liz Maxwell**

- Auction Baskets – teachers are enjoying choosing their theme and have sent out blub to parents regarding their basket theme and donation collection

- Teachers are starting door decorations
- Volleyball teams are going Friday to high school gyms. Four teams and four staff going
- Kindergarten choir practising
- Grade 6 year book starting photo gathering.
- Laura Smith asking if parent council can pay for bus for her class to go to Kawartha Food Share to personally donate food collected by our school. Approximately 52 kids going – **VOTE – up to \$400 bus approval by council.** Motion brought forward by Lyndele Gauci, second by Marsha Serville-Tertullien and passed by members at large.
ACTION – Rebecca Padgett will let us know what quote for bus transportation comes back at.

▪ **Student Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis & Mary Coulas**

- PC Grant approved \$15,000.00
- Given \$400 to shop online school shop for food, Samantha Dennis & Mary Coulas will use funds to purchase food for SNP
- Food bins being used up very quickly, extra funds will assist in keeping bins full
- Cereal drive is no longer going ahead with the new funds received
- Fresh from farm pick up on November 28th.
- Kawartha food bank will pick up the donation food bags on November 28th

ACTION – Rebecca will send correspondence to parents regarding pick up of Fresh from the Farm between 2-6:15pm

▪ **Fundraising Update- Samantha Dennis**

- DANCE-A-THON - We have currently raised \$1,534.00 through Dance-a-thon fundraising and we have a family that is matching up \$3000 in donations
- Samantha went into classes to discuss/get children and teachers both excited and up to speed for what exactly the dance-a-thon is fundraising for
- Jimmy has asked that teachers/student help crack glow sticks prior to dance-a-thon. He will collect and keep them at the end to avoid unnecessary garbage in the school

- Winners of dance-a-thon get popcorn and popsicles
- Fundraising committee will discuss offering snacks on Jimmy Chapman days and add it to the list to discuss for next year
- Jimmy wants schedule ahead of time so he can align music for grades
- OPEN HOUSE – gift baskets and door decorating, 32 basket theme options for teachers to choose from, extra basket numbers this year in the event that we have overflow donations and also to make smaller baskets to offer at a lower starting bid for all families to be able to participate
- Used spirit clothing will happen at open house in the gym along side the silent auction baskets. We have reached out to Adam Scott students as well asking if any former Jets have clothing to donate. Working with high school students to help launder the clothes, they are to be cleaned, returned to the school the week of December 5th and then offered at open house.
- 15 tables required in gym for set up of silent auction baskets and used clothing swap
- \$10-15 per door offered from Parent Council to teachers for door decorating activity, discussion whether to have it just a view of the door or continue in tradition of a door contest with a winner
- Dominos pizza code night set for Tuesday, January 21st – flyers and school messenger reminders to be sent including code for ordering
- BOOKFAIR – posters up in school for advertising, anyone with police check please volunteer for time slot to assist at book fair.

ACTION – Rebecca and teachers will decide if door decoration is a holiday activity or if it will be deemed a “contest” with prize.

ACTION – Rebecca will discuss with Nadine about sending/amending correspondence sent regarding how children can pay for books at book fair (cash and debit/credit)

▪ **Treasurer’s Report – Alicia Leany**

- Consolidated opening balance \$69,595.24
- Debit \$29,113.60 to Kawartha Pine Ridge to pay for playground
- \$34,548.64 current balance
- \$33,233.20 paid to board total

▪ **New Business – Lauren Fitzsimmons**

- Parent reaching out grant – application is due end of December before winter break
- Is anyone interested in taking that on and applying for grant?

- An example would be guest speaker, someone into school, talking to students, online for parents or literacy evening aligned with book fair or math night
- Up to \$1000 (sometimes over) granted to reaching out to parents
- Usually a commitment of one evening
- Application doesn't have to be specific just an idea of what we would like to do
- Aubrey Noronha – founder of Hello Hope, speaker who came in the past regarding inclusion and anti-racism. – quote from him would be \$2000 for speaking to parents and students
ACTION – Beth Morgan and Rebecca Padgett to assist in applying for reaching out grant
- Lyndele Gauci – question from her son, Earth Rangers – can we look into getting them to come to school. ACTION – Lyndele will look into it.
- Katie Dunsford – are kids running a student council this year? NO.
- Social Meeting– December 16th at local restaurant to be decided (votes look like Ashburnham Ale House)
 Mary & Amy to look into restaurant to hold
ACTION – Mary Coulas or Amy Campbell will contact and make reservation for group

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn – Sarah Harvey & Lyndele Gauci

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40

****Next council meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024.**