

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday October 17th, 2023 @7pm

Attending

Alison Boyd, Meaghan Fraser, Erin Fitzmaurice, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones Tubman, Jessica Livermore, Amir Mohamad, Khalique Gharatear, Krista Doyle.

Welcome- Brooke

Thanks everyone for coming. Today we are discussing the upcoming movie night and looking at new lunch options.

Principal's Report- Alison

- Term 1 IEP's go home on Monday
- EQAO results will be sent home by the end of the week. They will be mailed to the families who have moved away or go to other schools.
- Junior boys' soccer tournament is coming up on Thursday. The girls went last week.
- Rainbow Penguin club will be starting.
- Nature Club will be the second Thursday of every month.
- Junior Gym Club will begin Dec.1. Must sign 2 permission forms. The concussion form must be filled in for every sport your child participates in.
- Mme Cobb is looking for parent volunteers to lead the choir. Is hoping to have a song ready for Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov.10.

Upcoming important dates:

Nov. 2 PD Day- teachers will learn more about the new social studies and math curriculum.

Nov. 16- Progress to go home.

- The school has not received from many parents the Voluntary Student Fee. They are asking for \$20/student or max \$50/family. It is voluntary but the much-needed money is used to pay for activities/busing for children. Some field trips may not happen if the

school doesn't receive the funds. Cost for busing has gone up majorly over the last year, the school uses this money to keep the cost to roughly \$15-\$20 for everyone. There is no money in the budget for field trips. If there is a financial need from a family for participating in a field trip, they can let the office know. Can the council money be used for this? It is a possibility. The ASD classes get a subsidy and take their own OC Transpo bus to swimming.

- Restaurant night. The money raised will be allocated for field trips.

Treasurer Report- Joanne

Penguins Helping Penguins: \$2 612.24

Long Term Reserve: \$7 108.20

Regular Funds: \$ 16 352.91

- This year expected gain of approx. \$10 000 - \$12 000.
- Quotes for the teacher's wish list items will be ready at the next meeting.
- Have already received request for recorders, and books for the library.
- We can vote on the items at the next meeting.
- Also, there is a need for a school sign/banner for events and a canopy. Need to look if we currently have a useable canopy.
- Have discovered how to recover the HST paid to the supplier for the pizza lunches. The school is expected to get approx. \$2000 back.

Children's Village Update- Megan

Absent

Movie Night Plans- Brooke

- School is booked Nov. 2 for the event.
- Same week as Halloween but the next day is a PD Day.
- Event is not very volunteer heavy.
- Will charge \$2.00/person, \$10/family. They get a bottle of water and a bag of chips.
- Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.
- Parents must stay.
- Look into the movie options, suitable for all ages.
- Must sign-up in advance due to capacity limits in the gym.

New Lunch Plans- Brooke

- Any other ideas for lunch options.
- Adding another day would require more parent volunteers.
- Healthy options would be a good idea. Smoothies or wraps from Pita Pit.
- Suggestion of a previous school which had a fruit and milk program. Not an option here. Lunch Lady has add-ons you can purchase.
- Suggestion of having popsicles on a Friday near the end of the school year. \$1 each. Must be parent volunteer run.

Fundraisers for the year- Brooke

- Parade of Cakes in February.
- Food Drive before Easter. Start sending out the messaging before March Break, build them up. Run from March 18-22 and 25-28. See if we can have children help with taking the items to the Food Bank, get them involved.
- End of Year BBQ and bake sale. In June, 2nd or 3rd week.
- Spirit Wear. Need a volunteer to head it up. Have a volunteer possibly interested, not a big fundraiser but one the children like having. Use Tuck Gear. Would want to start in November, have everything delivered before Christmas.
- May flowers from Richmond Nursery. We made \$500 last year. They also have poinsettia in 4 ½", 6' or 10" available in red, white or pink. Can have it run at the end of November. Delivered the first week of December.
- Candygrams. Was previously done at the school.
- It is finding volunteers that is always the difficulty.

New Business - Brooke

- Skating at the rink behind the school in winter. Will put out a donation bin for skates/helmets. Will include this info in the council corner. Will need a variety of sizes.
- We did not pre-book the school as much this year which is a problem. The building gets pre-booked for the rest of the year. In the future better to book the school and not need it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Next meeting to take place October 21, 2023 at 7:00pm SMPS library.