

# **SMPS Parent Council Meeting**

Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023 @7pm

## **Attending**

Alison Boyd, Heather McAskill, Cheryl- Children's Village, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones Tubman, Jessica Livermore, Christine Moulaison, Kristin MacKay, Anuraga Jain, Krista Doyle.

## **Welcome-** Christine

- Thank you everyone for coming in to meet during the busy holiday season.

## **Principal's Report-** Alison

- Thanks to all of the volunteers for making the Holiday Market such a success. Lots of positive feedback from teachers and children.
- There was a holiday assembly today involving the choir. The whole school including the kinders were included.
- Some classes will be having their own individual celebration event.
- Once we are back in January, we must begin planning for next year already.
- Kindergarten info night will be coming up. Feb 12 at 6:30. Registration opens up in January.

## **Treasurer Report-** Joanne

- We have an opening balance of \$33 500.
- PHP \$2 600. We will be adding \$1 100 made from the Holiday Market. Which was a big success.
- LTR \$ 7 100.
- 2023-2024 Operating Budget report was given.

## **Holiday Gift Market-** Krista

- By the second half of the day, we had figured out how to run things smoothly.

- Only about half of the students had money. If all of the student had bought money, we would need many more volunteers for wrapping. The wrapping station was the biggest challenge.
- Next year we will try to advertise early to get more interest from the students. Hopefully this would mean more donations from parents.
- We will definitely need more volunteers for next year.
- We can look at switching to a different day. Maybe Thursday?
- New idea is for the children to have a club where they can make homemade items for the sale. These things can help when we are running low on supply.
- What to do with the extra books? How about a book fair? Children can buy them.
- For next year we need to make posters and build up more awareness around the event. Maybe the children can make posters in class.
- We can limit the free items to a certain section, such as books and stuffies.

### **School Wish List-** Alison

- The staff is looking for experiences. \$2 500. School-wide event. The school will subsidize the remainder of the cost. Luv 2 Groove.
- Gym equipment: asking for \$3 000. \$1 500 was previously voted on but cheque was not given. Needed for class sets of yoga mats, various balls, pool noodles.
- \$1 000 to be set aside for club request, such as chess club, crafting. Or used to of-set bussing costs.
- Each division will be given a certain amount by dividing \$7 500 into portions reflecting the ratio of students in the school. Special Education will receive \$300. Kindergarten will receive \$1 612. Primary classes will receive \$2 775. Junior class will receive \$2 925.
- How do we know that the money is being allocated to areas that are underfunded?
- There will be a consensus among the teachers as a division on how to spend the money. All of the teachers will sit down and look at their divisional priorities.
- Must have receipts to show where the money is going.
- Next year we will have far less money to donated. This is a cumulation of fundraising efforts from last year and this year so far.
- All of the money must be spent by April.

\$2 500 Experiences

\$7 500 Divided per division

\$1 000 Clubs

\$3 000 Gym equipment- \$1 500 was previous voted on.

\$14 000

- After the money is given, we will still have \$3 000 left. End of the year projected to have approximately \$10 000 in the regular fund account. This is enough to cover us for the beginning of the following year.

- Required to spend fundraising money in the regular fund within the school year.
- Must start to add more to the LRT.
- To vote on the amount of \$14 000 to be given to the school, divided as discussed. Mover Joanne. Seconded by Krista. All voted in favour.
- Spirit wear should arrive hopefully tomorrow.
- Field trips will be decided upon as a division.
- Grade 3's are doing the Swim to Survive program. They will be taking OTranspo buses to the event.

### **New Business-** Christine

- Pro grant is due January 12
- Parades of cakes will be Tuesday February 13 with a backup being the 14<sup>th</sup>. Must have more halal cakes this year.
- Will look into getting school banner and canopy.
- Choir: taking a video of event, has privacy concerns. Maybe next time we can do something during the dress rehearsals. Need to look at media permission forms.
- New idea: Have families from the same class sign-up and share their contact info with the rest of the class. Very helpful for arranging playdates/birthday parties. Can use a Google Form. Will take time to set-up.

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm