

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday February 20, 2024 @7pm

Attending

Alison Boyd, Megan- Children's Village, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones Tubman.

Welcome- Brooke

- We have a very small turnout today, should get through everything quickly.

Principal's Report- Alison

- We booked Luv2Groove. They will be coming in May but only for the primary classes. For the juniors we have booked Rocks & Rings. They are coming in June, it's an intro to curling program.
- Winter carnival. It was lots of fun, everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the parent volunteers for all of their help and to Mr. Dillabough and Mr. Westover for organizing. It was very well run.
- Term 2 IEP's will be sent home next week, only students with a modified plan will be receiving them.
- April 8: All OCDSB schools will be closed due to the solar eclipse. We will have to reschedule the class going for swim to survive. Teachers will receive in school workshops; all of our PD days have already been used up.
- Heather is away this week.
- Toonie Tuesday: Students are welcome to bring in money but we prefer online donations.
- Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 28. It is a bully awareness day.
- Class pictures are coming. Only children who have ordered pictures will receive the class composite, or parents have to pay \$9.00 if they want it. We will be switching to new photography company called Edge Imaging, next year. There will be Gr. 6 grad pics in June.
- Gr. 6 Graduation will be the last week of school, either the Monday or Wednesday.

Children's Village- Megan

- We are planning for March Break. We will be visiting the Nature Museum and also having a visitor come to us.
- We are open April 8. But no parents can pick-up before 4:30. We will be keeping all of the window blinds closed in the afternoon.
- If there is a parent on the waitlist they can contact us about where their child is.

School Wish List Update- Alison

- Have to have all of the commitments done by April.
- Teams are still meeting and making their lists.
- Primaries are asking for ribbons, Bluetooth speakers for music in the gym.
- Field trips: So far, Bill Mason for the primaries. Sometimes the payment shows up before the parents have received the field trip forms.

Treasurer Report- Joanne

- \$10 700 Reg. fund
- \$ 3 500 PHP
- \$ 7 100 LTR
- Parade of cakes was very successful.
- Request: Toonie Tuesday is coming up; this benefits the Education Foundation. Last year PHP gave the school \$750, so far, we have given \$250. Could school council make a donation? We would rather the money be used to help students in our community. We can have a separate restaurant night and donate the funds to the Education Foundation. Education Foundation is a program which helps children in need, breakfast program, snowsuits etc. It is Ottawa wide.
- Food Drive: Easter is early this year. Need time to organize it. Should we ask for money instead, might be better to ask for both. It can be a competition between classes to collect the most.
- Pro-Grant: Need to pick a date. Maybe in April.
- May 24th the gym is booked. It will be a dance.
- Should we do an end of year BBQ or one in September. Better to have it in September together with Meet the Teacher night.

- Pizza ordering starts Monday. The new session will begin after March Break.

New Business- Brooke

- May Dance: Children are not allowed to play outside at the play structure, liability issues. Gym gets really hot, must prop open the doors. Parents have to stay with their children at all times. There will be a craft/boardgame room in the library or computer lab. Maybe look at offering something for the parents to eat/drink. The servery line was very long last time. Need to get freezies, glowsticks. It will be a spring theme.
- Pro-Grant: need to pick a date. Have it in the library in the evening. We will have approx. 3-4 people on the panel.
- Food Drive in April, propose to have it from the 9-19. It is happening. On the last day, 19th, need to organize transportation to the Kanata Food Cupboard, looking for people with vans.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm