

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday Jan. 16, 2024 @7pm

Attending

Alison Boyd, Cheryl- Children's Village, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Monica Valsangkar-Smyth.

Welcome- Christine

- Parade of Cake is coming up Feb. 13.
- Daycare can you take cakes in when children arrive in the morning? Yes.
- It will be held in the big gym.
- Must determine the set-up. How things will be labelled.
- Need lost of Halai cakes. Also, dairy-free, vegan options.
- Will make a sign-up sheet.
- Make posters to display around the school.

Principal's Report- Alison

- Settling back into routine.
- Parade of cakes is coming up. Valentines Day.
- Winter Fun Day will be sometime around Feb. 12-16.
- Located the canopy tent but have not put it together.
- Hydro presentations for the JK-6's. It will be on power, safety, and electricity use. It is a free presentation.
- School improvement plan is on math (focusing on the fundamentals) and literacy (bringing students up to a Level 3). Will be picking target students to monitor over the semester. At staff meetings would look at what tools are being used on the students and if they are working or not.
- Lice: Normally the notice goes out to only the homeroom class. This is a 5/6 split but they are mixed for science. There is no requirement to send a notice to other classes. In this situation, we will send out separate notice.
- Field Trips: Swim To Survive went well for Mme Cobb. Gr. 6's are going to the Aviation Museum. Gr. 5's are going to the Science and Tech Museum, Gr.3's NAC in Feb.
- JR. Boys/Girls Borden ball Tournament in Feb.
- Chess Club has over 170 children. Separated by grade.
- There is talk of a newspaper starting up.

Treasurer Report- Joanne

- We have made a big donation to the school The money goes to student use only, not for teacher resources. Must be used by April.
- We have an opening balance of \$22 000.
- Regular Funds: \$11 700, still need to pay the pizza program.
- PHP: \$3 800.
- LTR: \$7 100
- Recorders: There is a teacher wish for 3 class sets of recorders. Maybe division can use some of their money to fund one set. Maybe we can ask parents to buy one for their child, would cost approx. \$10, or they could borrow one. Depends what they would prefer. Concerns about keeping them clean.
- After next pizza session we may have some more money to donate, but must wait and see what our finances are like.
- Can we do a Take-out Tuesday, maybe McD's. We get 20% back.

Parade of Cakes- Brooke

- We will make ticket booklets from the online sale. Tickets will be available Feb. 1-10. Encourage ordering online, much easier to print off. Takes children time to write down info on each ticket when paying in cash. Will still accept cash at the event.
- Sign-up genius for volunteers, need lots.

Pro Grant- Christine

- Looking at something relate to reading challenges. Having a panel of experts come in and have a discussion. What can be done to help your child if you notice they have reading difficulties.
- Can open up the event to students from JDPS and others in the community.
- Will use a Google Sign-up form.
- Beaverbrook library has space for larger groups, fairly easy to book.

Children's Village- Cheryl

- We are fully staffed with 18 people. 2 were on maternity leave and we just had 4 new employees start. We desperately need supply ECE since we are in the cold/flu season and staff are also away on vacations.
- Looking for towels for the water play area. Can put donations at the daycare door near the parking lot.

- Kids & School-age programs are now in shared spaces due to enrollment numbers going up.
- Tornado protocol: Need to prepare kits and look into somewhere to store these items such as emergency water and snacks. Maybe we can make space in the server.
- Already looking a registration for next year. Not many that are moving from preschool into the kinder program at this school.
- School-age program: The head of the company came for a visit and was very impressed with our space and how we were using it. Our educators are very enthusiastic.
- In April we will survey our own kids first to confirm registration for the new school year before opening it up.
- We currently have 45 school-agers, 26 Kinder, 15 toddlers and 24 preschool children registered.

New Business- Christine

Parking lot gets full in the mornings. It's not possible to restart the old Kiss 'N Ride drop-off system.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm.