

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday March 19, 2024 @7pm

Attending

Alison Boyd, Heather MacAskill, Cheryl- Children's Village, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones Tubman, Jessica Livermore, Erin Fitzmaurice, Krista Doyle.

Welcome- Brooke

- Thanks everyone for coming.

Principal's Report- Alison

- We have a couple of short weeks coming up. Next week is Good Friday, Easter Monday. The week after the school is closed Monday April 8 for the solar eclipse.
- Grade 6 leaving ceremony is official book for June 26 in the morning. We have co-ordinated with JDPS for this date.
- Bill Mason trip will be happening next week for the primaries.
- Swim to Survive. 2 classes have completed the program. The other 2 will be going in April/May and May/June. The children are taking OC Transpo buses and have had no issues.
- We are heading into staffing season. The allocation will be based on projected numbers. We encourage families to inform us if they know they will be moving away.
- Basketball tournament for the junior boys is next week.
- There is a staff vacancy. It is for the ECE position in the fish class.

Children's Village- Cheryl

- During March Break the children went on a field trip to the Nature Museum.
- April 8 we are still open but on reduced hours. Not allowed to pickup in the afternoon.
- We are planning enrollment for the summer/fall.
- I am going to be leaving Children's Village, we have a replacement starting soon.

Hot Lunches- Krista

- Pizza ordering is closed. The new session begins on Thursday.
- We are fairly close to number from last time. We currently have 287 orders.
- If parents missed the deadline and would still like to order pizza, they may contact us and we can make a wait list. If enough join, can order more.
- We are desperately seeking volunteers to help. It is on Thursday from 10:40-11:30, not required to come every week.

Treasurer Report- Joanne

- Total in all accounts \$26 000.
- \$16 000 Reg
- \$ 3 480 PHP. We donated \$250 the family affect by the fire.
- \$ 7 100 LTR

School Wish List Update- Alison

- Deadline for the teacher to make their decision is April 8. I will have a completed list by our next meeting.
- Gym equipment has all been purchased.
- The events are booked. Luv2Groove for the primaries, will be over 4 days. Rocks & Rings for the juniors will be over 2 days.

Food Drive- Sarah

- We are having a food drive for the Kanata Food Cupboard; the event is happening from April 9-19.
- Look at setting up an online donation page, parents can be issued a tax receipt.
- Must determine the number of boxes needed. There are 23 classrooms in the school. Mme Melissa and Mrs. Philpot can help organize.
- Each class will have a box to collect food in. Students can empty the boxes by bringing them down into the main hallway.
- Can look at setting a school goal. Having the children understand the impact that they are making. How many families can the food collected feed?
- There will be a list of what food parents are allowed to donate.
- Possibility of getting a shopping cart to store everything in. Easy visual for students when walking in the halls. Sobey's might be willing to help. Can zip-tie the wheels for safety reasons.
- Set-up Monday April 8. The school is open.
- Friday can collect food until noon after must pack it up into vans for delivery.
- KFC can provide poster if we want any. Would rather have children make some. They can give us electric flyer, it is useful.

Events- Brooke

- May 30 the whole school is booked. We are planning on doing a dance.
- Pro-grant, still need to confirm. The topic is reading difficulties. Possibility of having it during education week May 6-13.
- World Book Day. It is very popular in the UK. Look at having something similar in the future.
- Richmond Nursery. Mother's Day flowers. We had quality issues with the vendor last year. Will not go back to them.
- BBQ. We did not have one in Sept. planning on having something in June but very busy month. Welcome vs End of Year. Prefer to have it in September together with Meet the teacher event.

New Business- Brooke

- Cody is requesting painting of the entire main hallway. Need suggestion for colours. Updating the murals as well. Something fresh, welcoming, colourful.
- The stairwell on Sandhill will open on Monday.
- The student council made \$950 from the book sale. It is run by Mrs. Scharf and Mrs. Brooks. It's a new club just started.
- School newspaper is a new club. They publish monthly. But we are not able to share to the whole school community due to not having all media permission forms.
- Gr. 6 Yearbook there is no official one.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm