

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2023 @7pm

Attending

Jeff Gervais, Heather MacAskill, Cheryl-Children's Village of Klondike, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones, Jaclyn Jensen, Andrea Cook, Michelle Cruickshanks, Jessica Gobbels, Monica Valsangkar-Smyth, Christine Moulaison.

Welcome- Brooke

Thanks everyone for coming. We have a great turnout.

Principal's Report- Jeff

Lots of extra-curricular activities are happening right now. Many field trips have been taking place over the past week. The Gr. 3's are taking part in a Swim to Survive program.

The Autism unit went to the Merivale Bowling Centre. Their trip included taking OC Tanspo buses. The Intermediate class from Jack Donohue was there as well. The children were able to reconnect with old friends.

Up coming:

April 26- Gr. 6's going to JDPS to see the play Lion King.

April 27- Museum of Nature-primary classes

May 12- Junior orienteering. Around SMPS

May 19- Jump Rope for Heart

May 16, 17, & 18- Gr.1's get a tour of Scobey's

Food drive is ongoing.

Drumming workshops are happening in the computer lab.

Chess tournament organized by Marc Lucas. It was an amazing event, 140 children from all over OCDSB were invited to our school. 13 of our children were involved.

Now that it is spring, we must conduct another fire drill. We are required to have 6 fire drills a year.

Next week is Earth Week. There will be activities for each day of the week.

Parents are asked if they wish to request a placement for their child for next year to do so using the Google Form send to parents in the Principals' Update.

We are in the process of staffing for next year. The numbers look very similar to this year. Currently 508 children, projected enrollment of 515.

Children's Village Update- Cheryl

We will have an open house in May. This is the first-time parents will be able to walk around and see some of the programming.

We are still waiting for the yard to finish.

Fall enrollment has started.

The school-agers build a fairy garden by the entrance to the daycare area and they would like ask that parents keep their children from touching the items in that area.

Treasurer's Report- Joanne

Currently have \$30, 000 in account. But the pizza vendor amount of \$14 000 still needs to come out.

Hot Lunches is working out well as our payment system. We lose 3.1% for each transaction.

Popcorn total sales of \$360, that is a profit of \$150 going towards PHP.

PHP money should be used to purchase food and clothing items for students in need.

Jeff explained that the office spends about \$25 a month purchasing snacks which are given to students in need. The office has also purchased \$68 of clothing items.

A motion was made to pay the school \$75; the amount will be used to purchase snacks. This is \$25/month for the next three months. Motion was seconded by Monika.

A motion was made to pay the school \$150; the amount will be used to purchase clothing. This will cover the \$68 which was already been spent. Motion was seconded by Monika.

Popcorn will be delivered on Fri. We will change vendors. Major difficulties with this one. Going to look at switching to Pappa Jack's.

COW & OCASC Updates- Christine

COW- budget meeting was cancelled. Still waiting on numbers. The board is trying to make cuts and cancel classes.

OCASC- AGM is in May.

PIC- they are discussing budget as well.

Fundraising Initiatives Update- Brooke

Richmond Nursery Flower Fundraiser

The cost to us for a 10" planter is \$15.70.

The cost to us for a 13" hanging plant is \$22.33.

Last time we made a 25% profit.

Propose we sell them for \$21 for the 10" planter and \$29 for the 13" hanging plant.

We must pick them up May 18.

2 weeks to order through Hot Lunches.

Dance is May 4. It will be from 6-8 in the gym. Have a DJ booked with lights and games. The library will be a quiet area for arts and crafts.

Tickets are \$5/person or \$20/family.

We will call it a spring dance. Make an e-flyer. Distribute that to all the teachers. Want to make sure everyone knows. If not effective, can try a paper copy to hand out to students.

Push buying tickets online. Have the option to buy at the door but not making change.

Need to keep track of the number of people in each room for fire safety regulations.

May 11 PRO-grant for gardening event.

May 18 pick up flowers

Teachers Appreciation event:

-Ask kids to make cards with special quotes or memories about their teachers. Place them all on the bulletin board in the staffroom.

-Have food available all day in the staff room for the teachers. Typical have small items of food such as snacks, fruit, coffee/tea etc.

-Plan to have it Mid-June. June 12

Meeting Adjourned 8:16pm