

SMPS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday May 16, 2023 @7pm

Attending

Jeff Gervais, Megan-Children's Village of Klondike, Brooke McKnight, Joanne McRae, Tanya Menzel-Jones, Sarah Jones,

Welcome- Brooke

Thanks everyone for coming. Today we are going to be discussing planning for next year.

Principal's Report- Jeff

Junior orienteering went well.

Today the Grade 1's visited Sobey's for a tour of the grocery store.

Primary students engaged in a concert performance by a Latin American group called "Colores Andinos". They had many different instruments. Used some of the arts money provided by parent council.

Jump Rope for Heart will happen on Friday. Looking for parent volunteers.

EQAO is set for the Gr. 3's May 29- June 2. Gr. 6's May 23-26. All online only. Shorter chunks of time.

May 29- June 1 we host new JK families. They can see the classes. There will be no kinder intake days in September. All students will start on the same day, so staggered start.

Gr. 6 leaving ceremony is set for June 22 at 10am.

Trees were delivered and planted on the side of the yard by the hill. Mme Sawtell is organizing classes to water the trees. We need support over the summertime.

Projected enrollment of 515 students. This will mean 4 kinder classes, 7 primary French immersion, 4 junior French immersion, 3 primary English stream, 3 junior English stream, 2 ASD. We could get a 5th kindergarten class if our numbers go up. There is also a potential for a 4th primary English class. We will have 31.46 staff. 29.96 teachers. 1.5 admin. 1 LST, 1 LRT, 0.5 ESL, 4 ECE's, 5.5 EA's (4 are with the ASD class, 1.5 mainstream).

Staff leaving: Mr. Lucas is retiring. Mme Sawtell is moving to Castlefrank ES, Mrs. Fuller will be acting VP at another school, Mrs. Schuler will be LST at new Halfmoon Moon Bay school.

Staff returning: Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Pigeon.

There are 6 LTO's that are ending. Asha Bruce, Jan Alisappi, Ruthann Kohls, Steve Strongitharm, Matt Garden, and Fiona Gunther-Wood.

Children's Village- Megan

Enrollment is up. We have 1 more kinder class and 1 more school- age. Summer planning is almost finished. Toddler yard is nearly done construction.

All the programs are outside.

Pre-schoolers are now transitioning to the kinder program.

We can help with the watering of the trees. We will have our school-age children take care of them over the summertime.

Treasurer- Joanne

We currently have \$28, 000. But after pizza money is taken out, we will have around \$20,000 in our account.

The dance made us \$1,650. It was way more than expected.

The flower fundraiser made \$500.

Penguins Helping Penguins account has \$1850. We did not put as much into it this year as previously. We use to have more specific fundraisers for PHP. Need to think about changing this.

We began the year with approximately \$9,000 in our account. We have made over \$10,000 in fundraising. What can we use this money for? Need to develop ideas, direction.

What is the purpose of the Long-Term Reserve? Can this money be used for purchasing bigger ticket items. Look at outdoor equipment, basketball nets, benches etc.

We need to prioritize what we want and communicating what the money is going to go towards. We can publicize a budget, have a standard budget line for items each year.

COW & OCASC- Brooke

Christine is away.

COW budget is next Tues. OCASC AGM is on Thursday.

Plan Next Year Events- Brooke

Council elections must be in first 30 days of new school year.

Should we alternate meeting Tuesday/Wednesday? Look at doing hybrid for next year.

First meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Will start pizza program on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Start Lunch Lady on Mondays.

Welcome BBQ/Meet The Teacher- aim for Sept. 21

Oct. -movie night

Nov.-Winter Dance Thursday, 26

Feb.- Cake Walk

March- Food Drive for 1 week

April- Dance on the 25th

Other ideas:

International Food Fest

Christmas Bazar

Math and English Nights

Meeting adjourned 8:23pm