

SMPS School Council Meeting

Tues March 21 2023

Attendance:

Michelle Cruickshanks
Brooke McKnight
Heather MacAskill
Jeff Gervais
Joanne McRae
Andrea Cook
Cheryl Allaby
Sarah Jones Tubman
Heather Roberts

Welcome

Cake Raffle was very successful, raffling off 48 cakes, with net revenues of \$2200. Even better, there were excited kids, volunteers, and teachers participating in the day. High engagement and good feedback.

Principal's Update:

Kindergarten Winter Festival was Feb 27th and was a success.

Love to Groove – was Feb 27th and March 3rd, all classes had 2 sessions. We had high engagement and good feedback.

Mr. Lucas took Chess Club to Earl of March for a Chess Tournament on March 1.

Thurs March 30th Mr Lucas will host a chess tournament here at SMPS, from 1:00-4:00.

School Climate Survey: this is a voluntary and anonymous online survey for parents, guardians and caregivers of students in K to 6. Deadline for submittals is March 24th

Grade 5 trips: Science and Tech museum on March 24th and 29th.

Rocks and Rings (Curling) coming in next week – sponsored by Egg Farmers. Every class K-6 will have a session. March 27-29th.

Lockdown practice planned for Fri March 31st (2nd of the two required each year).

Grade 3 students will be able to participate in a Swim to Survive program. Includes 3 sessions at Richcraft Recreation Complex. Small fee (of around \$8) for the 3 sessions will help offset bus costs.

Planning for next year begins April 1st, including staffing requirements.

Class requests will be taken via Google Form for exceptional circumstances only. The online form will be open from April 11-28th

Grade 6 graduation transition preparation starts shortly. Will include a tour of Jack Donohue (where most grade 6 graduates will go).

Children's Village Update

Masks no longer required for teachers.

Gastro virus outbreak declared until March 26th, mostly in the preschool program.

Deep cleaning protocols continue.

Toddler program is finally full, and a teacher is about to join, meaning the program will finally be fully staffed.

Treasurer Report

February Popcorn sales netted \$144.

Popcorn sales revenues will go to Penguins Helping Penguins. PHP account can help fund food purchases to supplement children's lunches, which are a regular expense for the school office.

End of February balance closed out at \$21K. Current balance as of March 20th is \$32K. Pizza costs must still come out of the account, so this nice high number doesn't reflect the eventual net balance.

Fundraising Initiatives

Monday was lunch lady. We may need a pair of dedicated volunteers to come for each distribution. Andrea Cook volunteers, we need one more.

Richmond Nursery has contacted us with pricing for Mother's Day flowers. Flowers need to be handed out by the 20th of May. Mother's Day is Sunday May 14th. Planning is starting shortly for this enjoyable fund-raiser.

Chapters Bookstore no longer offers revenue share from book sales. Michelle Cr. will follow up to confirm.

New Business

A PRO grant to enhance school parent and community engagement has been awarded to SMPS, it will be a gardening presentation on 'Vegetable gardening 101'. Topics will include getting started, garden design, selecting and starting seeds, ideas for incorporating children, and keeping the garden strong and healthy through the first year and beyond.

Dance is planned for May 4th. It's for parent and kids; single and family tickets will be sold. The Servery will be open for snack sales, and the Library will be open for crafts as a 'quiet area'. A number of volunteers will be needed to organize and host the various activities for this event.

End of Year BBQ is a maybe, because it's such a busy time of year.

Grade 6 graduation is being planned for Tues June 27th. Plans are starting to form up now.

Grade 6 Ms Scarf's class needs a few more chaperones for Friday trip to the Sc. And Tech museum.