

Prince Philip Parent Advisory Council

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2017 / 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Brian Baronoski, Catherine Hodson, Kelly Ciceran*, Stefanie Schanbacher*, Lori Bush, Ahron Ashukian*, Ian Bengner*, Jen Feschuk*, Teresa Shouldice-Fleming*, Natalie Peso, Carrie Pastorelli, Julia Simatovic, Alicia Hoffmann, Dave Waddington, Christine Jowett

Welcome

Elections:

Chair - Jen Feschuk

Co-Chair - Stefanie Schanbacher

Secretary - Teresa Shouldice-Fleming

Principal's Report

- Safety and Academics are our priorities
- EQAO Results - Grade 3 and 6 scores were excellent. All scores were above the Province and Board averages. Grade 3 scores were 97%, 97%, 95% in reading, writing and math. Grade 6 scores were 90%, 85%, 62% in reading, writing and math.
- SIP will focus on literacy gr. K-2 as well as math with a focus on gr. 6 math
- Financial Records - \$9038, funds for library earmarked and will look at that at a later date, Nevada \$5559 in the account and only for playground - have had to put some updates into the playground from safety report, approximately \$150 plus rototilling of stones
- Playground - soccer posts changed directions and added new basketball nets
- Wasps - two nests removed, kept students with allergies in a couple a days
- Clubs and sports - Me to We going to evening performance, 16 students and 4 staff, collecting milk bags, soccer finished, volleyball & cross country are in progress. A suggestion was made to add information to the website regarding sports - when things are starting up as well as the age requirements
- Trips/excursions - DSBN will not be participating in water activities at this time. Grade 7-8 trip with parental support due to cost, will possibly be Ottawa or Montreal. Oct. 5th is parent information session

- Ice Dogs Night - half set of season tickets for free and school holds draws for classes/students, go to the game as a school on Nov. 16 (next day is a PD Day)
- **Lock Downs** - have not had any this year, have had 2 **Secure and Holds** - have for many reasons i.e. medical, outside concern, preserve the dignity of student/family - classes carry on, gym happens, allows us to know where all students are at all times

Motion by Ahron to use Nevada account to pay for playground upgrades. Carried

Fundraising

Discussion of Fundraising

- Fun Fair is planned for every other year as it is an enormous amount of work. It is intended as a community event however it has raised a sizable amount in the past.
- Dance-a-thon, Apples, Hanging Baskets, and Poinsettias have been profitable in the past.
- Greeting cards were done in previous years but were a huge amount of work.
- Flat rate was again discussed - always an option to donate money rather than participate in the fundraiser.
- Suggestion of a “healthy snack” vending machine - could be profitable but concerns over cost to run such a machine (hydro was quite expensive with a previous machine).
 - “Snack Shack” used to be run by the senior students - discussed re-introducing, perhaps to fundraise for the intermediate trip. Would require parent volunteers to help with money and re-stocking. Brian to consider it.
- Discussed always fundraising with a purpose so that parents/participants understand what money is to be used for. For example - all money raised through pizza orders goes to subsidizing busing for school trips to keep the costs down.
- It was asked that school administration please provide us with a wish list
 - Revamping the Computer Lab (tech allocation information needs to come first - usually between \$6000 & \$8000 for all schools)
 - All fundraising money is put towards enhancements for the school and not basic supplies.
- There have been complaints about fundraising through cash online specifically regarding the “No Reply” email to introduce it
 - Dave to draft “Cash Online Info” for parents with respect to fundraising.
- Proposal of Parent Council Facebook page - Jen & Kelly offered to set up

Apples

- Best as our Fall fundraiser
- Ontario apples but not necessarily Niagara apples
- Descriptor page will be included to explain apple types
- Library is the recipient of funds
- Recipes to go out with the fundraising package

- Notice of apple fundraiser to be put in upcoming newsletter, on the website and on the (proposed) Facebook page
- Package to go home before Thanksgiving Weekend -
 - Forms home October 5th
 - Sell until October 16th (order forms due)
 - Delivery on the 26th - Stef, Ahron, Ian, Christine and Julie volunteered to help (likely 2 shifts required - timing to be determined)

Other Business

- Catherine suggested putting a section in the newsletter regularly to highlight news from the Parent Council

Next Meeting

Monday October 30th, 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn