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| **Prince Philip School Council** |

**Monday September 24th, 2018**

**6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Chair: Jen Feschuk**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance**: Ahron Ashukian, Ian Benger, Shannon Bullen, Stefanie Schanbacher, Rebecca Hill, David Waddington, Kimberley Iacchetta, Alexandra Vernal, Lori Bush, Brian Baranoski, Jen Feschuk, Teresa Shouldice-Fleming (Recording Secretary)

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order. Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Council Positions Elected**

Jen Feschuk - Chair

Stefanie Schanbacher - Co-chair

Teresa Shouldice-Fleming - Secretary

* Decision made that anyone present at first two council meetings will automatically become a voting member.
* Discussion that volunteer duties are shared by the entire council.

**Financial Statement**

* The current balance in the School Council account is $13,057.63. (No debts currently outstanding.)
* $500 grant from government is given to all school councils annually to be used to increase parent engagement.

**Business Arising**

* All upcoming fundraisers will be written up in the school newsletter.
* Discussed digital sign for front yard. Approximately $3000-$4000

**Principal’s Report**

* No significant changes in enrolment (+10) = 410 total
* Mrs Carson, Mrs Cappozzolo and Mr Mazurek are no longer at the school. Mrs Neufeld has been filling as the half-time secretary. The permanent position to be filled soon.
* DSBN enrollment is up by several hundred students. 100 new teachers have been hired by the board.
* Replacement of the school’s lighting has commenced. Approximately two weeks to completion. Tremendous energy savings with the LED lighting.
* EQAO - Prince Philip typically does very well. Above the provincial average in all categories.
* Mr Kelsey is teaching music this year including drums and ukulele. Children are loving it!
* Me to We Club attended a performance at The Scotiabank Centre.
* Brian to ask Mr Steele about milk bag collection.
* Toonies being collected for Terry Fox walk this Friday.
* Rowan’s Law Day being observed this Wednesday.
* Darryl McNamara heading up PPM 161 - Healthy Schools: Medical Conditions. To develop a plan of care together with parents of students with prevalent medical conditions.
* October 1st - Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters
* Parent Involvement Conference being held at Eden High School on Wednesday November 7th from 4:00 - 8:15pm
* Ice Dogs tickets given out today in Mr Steele’s class today.
* Discussed date for Prince Philip night at the Ice Dogs. Thursday November 15th was the preferred date. Alternate being November 23rd.
* Intermediate excursions this year will be Camp - currently working through the logistics of water activities.

**Fundraising**

Year at a Glance: (typically 4-5 fundraisers per year)

* Apples
* Christmas Poinsettias
* Spring Flowers
* Dance-a-thon
* Fun Fair

Other options suggested: (to replace above items)

* Epicure - 40% return, Kim to bring information to next meeting
* Redbarn Market
* Fielding Estates Winery (Brian to look into)

Moved by Ian

“That we go ahead with the Apple Fundraiser for October” CARRIED

**Fundraising Goals**

* Playground equipment replacement
  + need to look into a corporate sponsor
  + Kindergarten design for outdoor space. Options discussed:
    - Pergola for shade
    - Removal of wood chips and replace with turf (very expensive)
  + Discuss long-term plan at next meeting.
* Silverbirch book purchase
* Robotics kits
* Uniforms

Motion to adjourn

**Next meeting - Wednesday October 17th**

**6:00pm**