

APS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

18 OCTOBER 2016 MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs.Leeder, Madam, Julie Williams, Brad Surjanac, Megan Ward, Shannon Short, Julie Bartley, April Taylor, Amy Reeds, Meryka W, Sarah, Christie, Sean, Victoria.

REGRETS RECEIVED: Danielle, Pippa, Nancy N, Amanda

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS

a) Approval and review of the agenda -- approved

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES

a) Approval of the minutes: Julie – moved, Brad – 2nd, all in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Business arising from minutes:

- Amanda confirmed Boston Pizza, but it applies to dine-in only, not phone-in orders.
- Amy Reeds has not yet sent Lou Karkabasis (Pane Vino) a thank you note, but will this week **ACTION ITEM**
- Poinsettias – Mrs. Leeder raised a question about orders. Order forms will go out roughly the beginning of November, with delivery the 1st of December. **ACTION ITEM – NORA TO CALL BRADFORD NURSERIES**
- Danielle is still looking into the movie night
- Hydration station: Mrs.Leeder did some research into this. If you want cold water it increases the cost. It's arranged through the Board, \$1000 (room temp)-\$2000 to get cold water. We would prefer cold water. Nora thinks that this can be moved to a new location if the school closes, but even if it doesn't we'll get 4 years out of it. An additional idea discussed: selling water bottles with engravings on it for each child, and possibly with the school logo. [see below for more info on this]

4. COMMUNICATION

Discussion about better communicating with parents about when try-outs, practices, and seasons start. Social media, the notice board, etc. Mrs. Leeder to mull this over.

Amy R raised a possibility: To better update the website, have Mr. McGreggor's class to maintain a school schedule on the website.

Madam said that she can gather information from the teachers and report to Kathy, info to come via email.

We will discuss this further. Also see below.

5. GOALS FOR 2016-17/FUNDRAISING IDEAS

a) Goals/Programs/Events/Experiences/What are we Raising Money for?

(1) Hydration station: See above. In addition: Question posed about how much maintenance is required, and what the cost will be. We have the money now to pay for this if we want to do this now. **[ACTION ITEM: Mrs. Leeder to research maintenance costs and schedules, and when it can be installed]**

(2) Class trips: 7 classes. We don't know now a specific amount because it depends on how much we raise. But for now, we're starting with \$250 for each class, to be topped up if we have

(3) Art enrichment: we discussed making this part of the curriculum rather than a lunch-time activity.

- o Sarah Stone \$400 approx.
- o Art class/night

Motion raised to approve these three goals - Meryka. 2nd - Shannon, all in favour. MOTION CARRIED.

Requests for money that we did NOT include in the motion, to be discussed at a later meeting:

- An over-sized tarp for the students to sit on at meets (soccer, cross country, etc.).
- Ukuleles: Mrs. Wasteneys would like us to purchase some so she can teach the children.

b) Campaigns:

- **[FALL] Fresh from the Farm [COMPLETE]:** wasn't a huge success. Part of the issue was the we didn't know the delivery date, and that there were two other fundraising campaign going on at the same time. The total is unknown at the time.
- **[FALL] Magazine campaign [COMPLETE]:** major campaign is complete, but the campaign is on-going in that the school gets all on-line orders. The total is unknown at the time.
- **[YEAR-ROUND] Boston Pizza:** on-going
- **[DECEMBER] Poinsettias:** see above, Mrs. Leeder is looking into this. November/December
- **[DECEMBER] Silent Auction:** April is going to be the coordinator. Mrs. Leeder will provide April with the letter. Shannon is going to help April. Brief discussion about what businesses to approach. Julie W is to approach Tim Hortons, Sean to approach Lindsay Buick. Buttertarts: Mrs. Leeder and Julie B. Racheal LaPierre for cakes. Amanda Sharp knitting lessons. Meryka to ask at Kent Florist.
- **[MARCH] Chicken:** we can do this anytime.
- **[SPRING] Water bottle campaign:** a water-specific campaign tied to our new hydration station. This would raise money, and raise awareness in the families about using reusable bottles instead of juice boxes, etc. Timing: we all rejected doing this campaign before Christmas. Let's do this in the New Year. Spring time?
- **[EASTER/APRIL/SPRING] bulbs and flowers:** To be discussed at a later meeting.
- **[JUNE?] Pane Vino:** Lou has agreed to have us again this year.

6. FITNESS FRIDAYS (Madame D)

Madam raised a question about having "Fun Fitness Fridays" – once per month class-by-class fitness challenge. For instance: stair challenge. And guests will come. In the spring, it will be an outside activity.

Everyone agreed that this is something parents would be interested in.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Nora Leeder

a) Continuation of Payment of \$20/night to a babysitter

- all in favour to continue.

b) Update on primary sports:

- Soccer team went today
- Board has decided that we will continue with primary sports this year. No decision about next year. Next sport is volleyball. We do not know if there is a primary volleyball, it depends on whether there is a coach.
- We discussed having better communication with parents about when the seasons, practices, and try-outs are because some students do not listen to the announcements. Many parents agree that communication needs to be better. See above.

c) We Team – family night – We Scare Hunger

- We did not get tickets to Toronto We Day. So we got tickets to the family we night tomorrow. They are organizing we scare hunger which is the food night this month. If every class builds a tower of food taller than Mr. D, they can duct-tape him to the wall.

d) District Council Thursday November, 3

- Amy Reeds is going.

e) Smoke-Free Movies

- Mrs. Leeder has tied this in to Danielle's movie night.

f) Communication board – Mrs. Leeder to give Sarah some items.

8. NEXT MEETING:

November 22, 2016.