

Kimberley Junior Public School Parent Council
Meeting #6 - March 25, 2019

In Attendance: Jenn Penikett, Patti Myers, Megan Meeds, Jenn Tinker, Lillian Hanson, Chris Van Hoeijen, Bruce Burley(1), Kate McColeman

1. Welcome

- Megan welcomed everyone, missing Rebecca and Deirdre

2. Old Business approval of last minutes

- Jenn T put a motion to move approval of minutes via email. Seconded by Jenn P
- Patti to resend last months minutes for approval via email

3. Treasurer's Report

- We have just over \$20,000 in the bank account, but we have a lot of spending coming up and will be on track with our projected budget. Family Fun fair is questionable as to how much we will raise. Our goal is \$6000. We still have to spend Fun Fair costs, Scientist in the School, field trips
- The cart and bulletin board have been purchased through the online account via Natalie
- Thank you to teachers for spending their money, 4 are outstanding still. Jenn P spoke to 3 of the teachers, Glenda has some receipts as per Lillian and was told to put in school council box.
- field trips are starting to be booked - 3 kindie classes have something scheduled May 10, but the funds will go through school and Council will reimburse the school. Grade 1 has a field trip at the end of May but might not spend the full \$15
- Megan would like teachers to let us know if they intend on using the money so that we can start planning for next year. Jenn P suggested that if we have extra money we can spend it on laptops for the cart, reminder that a lot depends on family fun fair.
- Lillian advised that we have other commitments like prologue plays that need to be booked in May for the following school year. We have paid for 2 so far (\$1385) and BAS has paid for 1 and the school budget has paid for 1. There was one more and School Council will pay for it. We had to pay partial in fall to book it, so we may owe more. The next play is on is April 4 (Sleeping Beauty).
- We may have extra money at the end to spend on more technology but won't know until later in the year.
- We still have not received bill for Skating (\$400)
- We have a budget of \$2100 for arts/Wellness that's still outstanding
- Spirit Wear online shop is almost ready. It is not a fundraising effort. It is brand name athletic wear and we can customize what people can order. Jenn P to show Lillian before it goes live
- Megan - Thank you Jenn P for all that you do and working with Natalie to ensure all is on track

4. Community Events

- Family Fun Fair is scheduled for June 6 - Megan is leading the committee, first meeting April 1, 7pm with parents Leah, Dar, Erin, James, Deirdre that have offered to help so far. We will need more volunteers the night of and Chris to ask teachers to sign up for volunteering
- Lillian to confirm permit

- We need to make sure it's all TDSB approved vendors
- New Website - thank you Brittany! If you want to make an update it has to filter through Deirdre and will forward to Brittany who will run the website.
- discussion re calendar and merging school calendar with student council website
- Deirdre received the art installation project pieces. Discussion: We would need outdoor paint and varathane/varnish it - requires a lot of work. May & June is heavy on field trips, fun fair, people will not be able to volunteer. Megan suggest that we buy 500 pieces and table the painting until the fall. It is a teacher led painting project with parent volunteer support. Maybe we could do it after EQAO. Chris to talk to teachers re timing.
- Bruce offered to test the paint and varnish to see how it works. Also need to figure out how to drill holes and zip tie to the fence. Worried about the wood flapping in the wind.
- Movie Night was given to BAS and they are not doing it. Megan has given them the instructions.
- Deirdre is waiting to hear back from Variety Village re Ability in Action - we will need to figure out the schedule. 30 mins slots and it has to align with school schedule.
- Chess - Lillian could you please reach out to Gledhill principle and get feedback about the Chess instructor - might be too rushed for this year. some other schools have incorporated chess into their math curriculum (expensive vs a club where parents pay). This allows everyone access and Student Council would fund it (very much like scientist in the school). We are currently just researching this as an option.

5. Fundraising Activities

- PNO April 5, 30 tickets sold and a few other commitments but haven't bought yet. Megan would like to invite teachers. Food order needs to go in by Friday.
- online auction - deposited \$5421

6. Other Updates

- new website, volunteer sign up, parent survey to go out in April. Megan would like to draft a letter to be sent home to parents re student council website etc.
- Bulletin board has been purchased and it's a been complicated to install. A vote went to parents re which wall, however north wall kids play ball and it'll break. Could possibly do it closer to the primary doors.
- Track and baseball diamond recovery - Lillian needs to follow up as they have not come
- Budgeting committee - who would like to join?
- Ms. Vree - next rally for education is on Saturday April 6 at noon at Queens Park 12-2
- when is the treasurer mid term report due - unknown, look at TDSB website and there is a contact person
- Rebecca moved files over to google drive, some stuff still on one drive.

6. Teachers Report

- appreciation for the cart! it's a goal to fill out the cart. Primary concert Monday May 6 in the evening. 3 people have their scientists booked. Teachers to confirm if they are going to use field trip money. form for \$250 classroom enhancements distributed and Megan to put online

7. Principal's Report

- Staffing: She just got the numbers on Friday for next year - our numbers are very tight, primary classes are capped at 20. One class of grade 3/4 split with nine grade 3s and 14 grade 4s. It'll be very tight. There is also a healthy JK registration and will need to see how many SK's continue. There may need to be a 4th kindie class. There is a mandated cap of 29 kids, and must open another class after that. Lillian asked parents if they want to meet outside of the meeting to discuss numbers.
- grade 1/2 works really well because the 2's help the grade 1 with lots of stuff such as routines. and sometimes the need to separate kids. we are looking at combine classes again.
- Kate asked how much input can a parent have re class placement of their child
Parents can talk to teacher, teacher will bring parents' input to class placement meeting. Once the class model gets approved by the superintendent, teachers meet per grade to place the kids into next year classes. We want balanced classes both behaviour and ability.
- Lillian and teachers like the combined classes in smaller schools and works very well.
- Parent from BAS is works with Allergy Canada and May is allergy awareness month. They have organized to have Car Racer Alex Tigliani to come to the school for an assembly and promote allergy awareness, including epi pen awareness. It will be a big event with media coverage. 100 kids with allergies will have an opportunity to colour stickers and put them on his car. He will also give away 20 tickets to the race. This is happening May 1.

8. Other

- Megan asked about running a NFP after school program in the event of work to rule next year. Insurance is really high and Centre 55 has permit every day after school.
- Lillian suggested creating a community event of walks or a health club type thing. It could run a certain day week/month - would like someone to lead this? or after drop off? It is to promote health and fitness and community among parents.