

Parent Council Meeting held September 11/2023

Welcome, Prayer and Approval

Call to order @6:34p.m

Attendance: Nancy Morgan (Assistant Principal), Ed Kucy (Principal), Marysia Waritsky, Andrea Minarchi, Joe Hill, Megan Makkinga, Sarah Seifridt, Kari Petillion, Brant Driedger (Staff), Lauren Unrau, and Ciara Stickle

Welcome and Opening Prayer- Ed Kucy

Treaty Acknowledgement- Marysia Waritsky

Introductions:

Approval of meeting minutes June 5th/2023- Approved by Lauren/ 2nd Marysia

Approval of meeting minutes Sept 11th/2023- Approved by Lauren/ 2nd by Andrea

Part 2: School Updates

Teacher Report by Brant Driedger:

- Good routines are already happening
- Great energy with the students this year
- 60 new students have come
- Has been an awesome start-up
- Inclusive learning is facilitated by Mr. Driedger if any students need assistance.

Administration Report by Ed Kucy:

- All the new families have been great, and everyone has been very nice
- Working out parking lot details and changing the flow of the parking lot to make it safer for all very soon.
- Daycare side will be entry side only, one way and exit only is north entrance.
- Parents won't be able to get out from 7:50am to 8:01am. Doors open at 8:00a.m
- 8:10a.m teachers lock their doors and final bell at 8:14a.m.
- Mr. Mason Hawkes and Ms. Leanne Evans are new teachers this year and Mrs. Kuly is a new EA.
- Hockey Academy is doing well.
- Lead teachers are Mr. Hawkes and Mrs. Cossey. This week the instructors will start coming to the on ice sessions.

-Fine arts/ Rec/ Leadership/ Calm Tech are all starting up and will give the kids a 4th option. This gives them an option to pick something they may have not been able to do and students are pretty excited about it.

-Meet the staff 7:30a.m to 8:00a.m Sept 12/2023 for muffins and beverages. Admin is trying a new time this year to see the response from parents instead of the evening.

-\$5500 P.A.C. for teachers assurance plan to help make things better will give an update in Oct how it was spent.

-Asphalt to improve our courtyard has been moved to EICS funding. A hockey academy parent came forward to do and will send in a bid. EICS will pick a bid and hopefully October should be happening.

-Assessment mode and interventions will be starting with Mrs. Morgan. Her plan is to do a few blocks per week. AB Ed hasn't told the admin anything else, just need assessments in first then they will get back to us.

-Sending an invitation to our trustee to join our P.A.C meetings to give district updates

Snack Program: Don't have anyone to run this currently

- Teacher feedback: The positive was they love the program and the negative was losing instructional time for the program as it takes 20 min.

-It is 45,000 grant for this program and not out of our budget.

- With more students they still keep grant amount the same.

-4 schools are a part of this program this year.

- Decided we need to hire a cafeteria assistant to be responsible to take this over. Job Posting will happen through EICS for applications. Hours will be decided when the person is hired. 8:00a.m to 10:30am?

-Lots of waste last year for food so maybe less being given out?

-Grant says certain nutritional food has to be given so can't just have granola bars etc.

-Ideas to save instructional time: Bring food to class in bins and every 2nd week do a hot one. This will be left in the hands of the new hirer to decide.

-Snack program a for sure go and will change to help teachers not lose as much instructional time.

- There is 29 students for Gr. 6, 28 students for Gr. 3, and 29 students for gr. 1 for numbers.

-Grade 1 is a concern so Mr. Kucy sent to the district board to see if they can get a 0.5 FTE teacher to come for math and language arts. Waiting to hear back on the decision.

Part 3: Parent Council Projects

Nominations for Executive:

Chair- Lauren Unrau Appointed by Ed Kucy, Accepted by Lauren

Co Chair- Marysia Waritsky Appointed by Lauren Unrau, Accepted by Marysia

Treasurer- Andrea Minarchi Appointed by Ed Kucy, Accepted by Andrea

Secretary- Ciara Stickle Appointed by Lauren Unrau, Accepted by Ciara

Treasurer's Report/ Budget:

- Books almost ready to be audited and will be cleaned up hoping this month soon.
- Balance in the account is \$37,336.00
- Activity over the summer using some money for Life Touch Balance owing
- Hot Lunch cheque needs to be deposited from June \$379.00
- Owe AB Music Theatre \$800.00 approx. still.
- Did Ground beef get donated? Butcher hasn't called back on an amount so leaving it
- Andrea is doing the books as money comes in and out instead of actual school year
- Jessica is still doing yearbooks this year and looking forward to it.
- Music theatre remaining cheque will be done
- Yearbook Update Deadline: Sept 30th and will talk to Jessica. We have to get 50 and only at 35 books currently ordered.
- Bylaws: We can rewrite them and then just need to be approved. Lauren will take the lead on that.

Fall/ Yearly Fundraising

- Christmas in the county is Dec 2nd/2023- Lauren has emailed previous vendors to see interest.
- 40 to 60 tables at \$25.00 a table and we will start to advertise.
- Need to plan to provide a food concession and need volunteers for it. Need to get a menu started thinking taco in a bag or hot dog cooker.
- Bake Sale Last year brought in \$1200.00. We ran out of items so need to make more this year of certain items.
- Bring and Buy Sale- Kids loved it and last year we donated the \$ to Santa's anonymous. Mrs. Morgan will get a date for us.
- We will chat with Ms. Evans about the leadership team to volunteer setting it up for K to 4. Grade 5 to 8 can buy at the end if any is left.
- Purdy's will decide next meeting if Christmas or Spring is when we will do it.
- Fund script Gift Certificate we will keep and before Christmas it was very successful.
- All other fundraisers will be put on hold until the new year if needed

-Ideas to purchase for the school since asphalt is not coming from our account are

- We are still paying for stencils on the new asphalt

*Playground Equipment

*Replace Sand for a different material. We will look into this and cost (need to see with the county on approval to)

*Kitchen Supplies: Comes from grant usually

*Indigenous Learning Circle

*Courtyard Repair- Ed Kucy has a friend he knows doing a plan to repair wood if approved. Help grow the nature kinder and make multi use for all students.

Next meeting date: Oct 10th/2023 at 6:30p.m

Meeting Adjourned 8:18p.m