



Tuesday September 27, 2022 - School Council Meeting Minutes 6pm

1. **Introductions:** Mr. Howell (Principal), Mrs. Carella (Grade 1 Teacher & Staff Rep), Karen Lachapelle (Mila – grade 8, Jack – grade 2), Breanne Bender (Jace – grade 5, Kade – grade 2/3, Arie – Mrs. Panetta), Kendra Flagg (Henry – grade 3, Audrey – grade 1), Shelby Kremer (Deacon – grade 1, Iandon – JK), Carissa Gilmore (Deanna & Finn in Kindergarten), Katy Brown (Aidan – grade 3, Audrey – grade 1), Kim Pilot (Ryan in 5/6)

Regrets: Lydia Geerts, Kayla Dressel, Heather Snippe,

Future meetings: Breanne is on SNACK coordination duty!!!

2. **Fundraising** – our account is at just over \$9,000 currently.
 - Little Ceasars fundraiser is booked for December 15th delivery. Sales would be in November through the beginning of December. We want to continue this. This fundraiser will go towards playground renewal – there is a current repair that is needed and we need some new woodchips.
 - We typically also do a Poinsettia fundraiser at this time of year. In previous years, this has gone towards the 7/8 trip – Mr. Howell will look into if and what they might have planned this year. We could say that this is going to support all field trips this year, with priority going to the grade 7/8 trip. We did this through Vermeer's last year. Shelby will call Vermeers to ask about this fundraiser.
 - What amount of money is earmarked for joining with the school council at the new school? \$1000? \$2000? **Mr. Howell reviewed minutes from last year and the amount agreed upon was \$3500.**
 - Looking ahead to Big Reds for the Spring – this could go to cover the cost of Fun Fair.
3. **Teacher Spending** - K2 MacDonald/Banford \$81.41 Crafts and Supplies, \$100 L. Lane Gr. 5/6 Science Resource
4. **Principal's Report (Dave)**
 - **Successful Start Up:** same compliment of staff as last year - 10 Homeroom Teachers, 3.5 EA's, 2 DECE's, LRT/ PREP, 2 PREP teachers; Classes are around 21-22 in size for primary, junior is around 24, Mr. Premi has around 24, and grade 8 has 21 students.
 - **Financial Proposal:** \$500 for Forest of Reading, \$100 per teacher = \$1300,

and graduating Grade 8 parents? (no one this year); Proposing a cheque of \$1800 to the School. Also pending: playground repairs now? **We are happy to spend the money to repair the playground. Both items are approved.**

- **Character Assemblies:** Beginning more fulsome in October – Niagara Region Public Health recommended to not do full school assemblies in September. Regular assemblies with parents involved will begin in October.

- **Extra Curricular Update:** Cross Country Meet #1 in the books. So far, 6-8 runners qualified for **DSBN on October 13th** (rain date: October 14th) 1 more meet before then on **October 3rd at Memorial Park**; Int. Co Ed Soccer: Tuesday, Oct. 4th; Junior Co-Ed Soccer Friday, Oct. 7th- both @ EL Crossley S.S.

- **IGNITE SURVEY-** Strategic Plan scan the QR code **by tomorrow!**

- **Professional Literature Review** – there was a controversy with a school in Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding a worksheet that was sent home to a Kindergarten class. Staff at our school received additional training today to try to ensure that DSBN staff have more comprehensive training on appropriate Educational Materials.

- **Staff Meetings** and PD taking place with Winger – to build rapport together before the new school opens up.

- **NEW SCHOOL** - no update - projected opening September 2024. So we are 2 years out.

- **Pizza Days** – bi-weekly – orders will open each month; **Spirit Wear** - coming up. Mrs. Lane is looking into it through Buckners. Grade 8 grad sweatshirts are coming too. Students designed the logo. Students will get them earlier than last year.

- **Weekly Newsletters** – Mrs. Tye is doing the same thing at Winger; photos to Twitter @BadgersWEB.

- **“Right to Read”** report from the ministry of education and DSBN response to that: Heggerty (Phonemic Awareness); Jolly Phonics (Phonics- letter/sound recognition). Much of the focus is on intervention regarding Kindergarten to Gr. 2.

- **Staff changes:** We are welcoming: Mr. Barbour (EA); Kathy Stevenett (EA), Occasional EA, Mrs. Harding (Gr. 3/4); Mrs. C. Lane (LRT/ Gr. 5/6 Math); Mr. B. Mitchell (Gr. 8)

5. **Breakfast Club Update** (Katy) – to staff breakfast club, we usually had volunteers cooking food 5 days a week. Volunteers are allowed in the school for a specific purpose. Pre-COVID – we had volunteers here cooking food daily.

Currently – we have food in bins that the EAs are organizing and delivering to classrooms.

Dave is putting a call for volunteers in the weekly newsletter and then we will see how many days we can cover of hot lunch.

Our food is offered to everyone because we don't want to stigmatize anyone and it also introduces kids to new, healthy food options.

We have around \$1,100 right now in our Breakfast Club fund. Katy is expecting some grants to come in soon because they usually do at this time of year. We have put in one order for food so far.

We will be doing a food drive so parents can send in boxed food items. There will be a place to donate on school cash online and we will have a jar at events so people can donate.

We also have a farmed apples program that we are in. So we will get 2 cases of apples with every order (about 250 apples). That should be starting in October.

6. **Financial Report** – covered previously.
7. **Elections** – we need to elect or acclaim our executive positions.

Chair – Katy

Treasurer – Karen

Secretary – Kendra

*All acclaimed.

8. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday October 25th @ 6:00 p.m. in person (or option to Zoom in)

9. **Questions**

- Milk orders? We can do it. It is ordered through McNab. It is expensive \$\$\$\$. Might be logistically challenging.
- Can we fix our dishwasher? Carella will do a test run for us to see if it seems broken or not.
- Turkey dinner – tentative date: **Thursday, December 22, 2022.**