



Tuesday October 25, 2022 - School Council Meeting Minutes 6 pm

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), Katy Brown (Aidan – grade 3, Audrey – grade 1), Amber Tallman (Vincent – Grade ½)

Regrets: Kayla Dressel, Heather Snippe, Carissa Gilmore, Kim Pilot

Thanks for the snacks, Breanne!!!

2. **Fundraising** – Poinsettia's (see attached form from Vermeer's for this year's poinsettia fundraiser). Running November 7th to December 5th. Close to the same profit margins as last year. We will go forward with this fundraiser.

Shelby will write a blurb about the Poinsettia's for Dave's weekly newsletter once the poinsettia's are live.

Little Caesars is booked for December 15th delivery, so we will start sales the same day as poinsettia's – November 7th, but we will have to end it a bit earlier.

Katy will write a blurb for Little Caesar's to go in Dave's weekly newsletters.

3. **Teacher Spending** – K2 – MacDonald/Banford; \$100+ Crafts & Supplies; \$100 L. Lane - Grade 5/6 Science Resource; \$54.79 Gooderham Art Supplies; \$25.97 – Stuart – Science.

4. **Principal's Report (Dave)**

- Staff Expenditures so far (see above)
- Playground Repair Update - \$1068.19 – Plastic Barrier Repair & Vertical Post with welding.
- Quoted \$2135 for Engineered wood fibre chips. Plant's Choice Quote \$1400.15 (Thanks Karen!). We may need some volunteers to spread the wood chips at that time, but the other repairs need to be completed first. The wood chips might not

happen until the Spring. Unlikely now that this playground will be moved to the new school. The longer it sits, the harder it is to move.

- No new updates on the new school. Announcements will be very private until they are made very public.
 - Int Soccer – won consolation at their tournament. Jr. Soccer – did well also.
 - Cross Country Recap – we had 8 students attend the district meet. Our best place was 5th. Yay!
 - Int. – Volleyball – grade 7/8 – teams are selected. It is not fair play anymore – it is developmental but not equal. Tournaments are at the end of November and will be against like-sized teams. They will play some co-ed games to practice.
 - Sports photos are on Twitter!
 - Art Club, Karaoke (5-8), Choir (1-4)
 - Library Contest – sent home by Mrs. L. Lane.
 - PA Day Recap – focus on school culture (5 topics – equity and inclusion, sense of belonging, caring), class profiles (classroom data, EQAO data, special education, etc.), early literacy, new math curriculum, student voice. These could be helpful for teacher’s for writing their upcoming progress reports. Amber works at the multicultural center in St. Catharines and is happy to help or support if that is helpful.
 - Milk Program/Pizza Days – milk program is started now – 9 new people started in week 2, so we will continue the program. Pizza Days will still be every other week. Grade 6/7 are helping with the milk program. Upcoming days are: this Friday, Remembrance Day and November 24th (Thursday because Friday is a PD day)
 - Brock Tutor/LLI – here for 100 hours now until the Holiday Break working with grades 1-4 students to help with reading catch up.
 - Teacher and Staff Shortages beginning again – some days we don’t have coverage. Professional Development has also started again, so that takes teachers out again.
 - November 2nd – Grade 8s to Port High for Grade 8 Day. Another day, they will all go to Crossley.
 - Web Cares Club/Spirit Days – they are really active today. They want to donate money to the community. They have chosen 3 causes – Web Library, Port Cares, and Welland Humane Society. Parents can donate online through School Cash Online to any or all of these causes.
 - Progress Reports go home November 17th, Parent-Teacher Interview Night November 24th.
 - Holiday Concert – tentative plans for the second last week of school. Probably on the Thursday evening, December 15th. Dress rehearsal on December 14th for the kids to see and then a matinee and an evening performance on the 15th. *We used to do 50/50 and/or raffle baskets at the Christmas Concert. We will do a 50/50 at the concert and donate the money to the Web Cares Club. We also do a breakfast club donation jar, so we will put that on the table.
 - There will be a food drive coming up run by the Web Cares Club as well.
5. **Breakfast Club Update** (Katy) – Katy is doing ordering weekly. We have apples coming. Katy and Karen are doing Mondays for hot breakfast. A few other Mom’s have

volunteered, so we are working to try to fill Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and then have grab-and-go on Friday. Karen reached out to one of the baking grandmas, but has not heard back yet. The dishwasher is working well, but the freezer is not working. Not sure what the breakfast club funds are looking like or whether we have gotten any more grants.

Dave will put a clarification in an upcoming newsletter about the purpose of breakfast club.

6. **Financial Report** – Our general fund is at \$7378.17. The next thing to come out that we know of will be the playground repairs and wood chips.

7. **Next Meeting**

November Meeting – Tuesday November 22, 2022 @ 6 pm (tentative)
– to plan turkey dinner (December 22) and touch base about fundraisers

8. **Questions**

1. Can we have the full budget breakdown for the next meeting?
2. Can kids bring Halloween candy to share amongst friends? Yes, but pre-packaged is preferred. Some teachers are planning to give out treats for their classes. For Halloween, there will be an outdoor parade for black and orange or costumes (weather permitting) at 1:55 pm.