



School Parent Council
 2023-24 - Meeting Minutes #2
 Date: Monday, Oct 16th, 2023
 Nottawa Elementary School

Present: Melissa Mortimer, Jen Waldox, Lindsay Robinson-Lund, Barbara Op't Hoog, Alli Reid, Catherine Hinderson-Cox, Jennifer Kennedy, Jim Georgas, Amy Teeter, Jessica Mateu, Kaitlyn Buske, Katheryn Garvin, Mark Bonta, Beth Smith, Katrina Walsh

Regrets:

Meeting Chair: Jim Georgas and Mark Bonta

	Agenda Topic	Discussions, Findings, Conclusion	Action Needed	Timeline
	Call to order Welcoming remarks	- Meeting to order at 6:35PM		
1.0	Review and Approve Minutes Sept 18th, 2022	1.1 Recent meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting for review and comment and resolution to pass the minutes as presented was requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to pass: Jim Georges - Seconded: Ali Reid - Vote: PASSED 		
2.0	Fundraising Update - Melissa Moritmer, Beth Smith and Catherine Hinderson-Cox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information, updates 	2.1 All of the fundraising initiatives are posted on the schools website, such as FLIP Give, TRU Earth, Maple Labels. All have links. 2.2 Update donor wall to update the outdoor space. We might put together a committee. Jim asked if there are any constraints on the selling of the donor wall. Melissa mentioned that we would need to talk to the original donor people and ask how we can continue to honor them. We could also get paving stones that we sell that get seen in the outdoor space. We have some different options: 1. Buy a brick. Could have different tiers of how much	Make plan by November meeting. Lindsay Robinson-Lund will find out more information about the first aid kits.	



		<p>they are willing to spend. 2. Buy a paving stone.</p> <p>2.3 Alteration requests need to be put in before the middle of January. Melissa will send out how to become an approved vendor.</p> <p>2.4 We will put together a subcommittee to make plans for these. Subcommittee: Lindsay Robinson-Lund, Jessica Mateu, Beth Smith, Catherine Hinderson-Cox</p> <p>2.5 Lindsay Robinson-Lund - there is an initiative to buy first aid kits where the money goes back to the school. These first aid kits are an approved vendor. Lindsay was thinking about having a course for young and old on first aid but that program is sadly not run by an approved vendor. Need to find out about the course, what are the age limits, what does it cost? Can they become an approved vendor? Any other ideas of how to push the first aid kits?</p>		
3.0	<p>Principal's Report - Melissa Mortimer - Information, updates</p>	<p>3.1 <u>Volunteering in Schools</u> All volunteers must create an account through the school website volunteer portal. Then take an OPP csv request form and send to OPP. Once CSV is returned send it to the school and it is processed by the board. Volunteers from last year need to do a declaration form on line in the volunteer portal as their CSV is good still. Melissa will look into if high school students can come after their school day or on PA days.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Tree Grant \$1000-</u> 4 new sugar maples on site</p>	<p>Melissa will look into the rules around high school students volunteering.</p>	



		<p>3.3 Field Trip Plan- two trips per year per grade. Fundraising will go to subsidize the costs.</p> <p>3.4 Terry Fox raised \$5975</p>		
4.0	Wellness - Catrina Walsh - Information, updates and ideas	4.1 October was emotional wellness month. How can your child help you cook, and transition to school. Tips and tricks to improve your own emotional wellness.		
5.0	Financial Report - Melissa Mortimer/ Jennifer Kennedy - updates	<p>5.1 Environmental grant was \$1000</p> <p>5.2 Apple orchard raised \$1080 for students to sign equipment in and out.</p>		
6.0	Other Business	<p>6.1 Barbara asked about being able to spend the teacher allotment. We were going to have it come out of the experience auction but we will change it to attach the teacher allotment to the Lunch Program so that the teachers can spend their money.</p> <p>6.2 Beth wanted to know about a Facebook Page/Instagram Page. She feels that the newsletter is difficult to get the information easily to parents. Melissa shared that the school community had said they did not want social media. The council seems to want the Facebook Page.</p> <p>Everyone go check out a few different schools instagram/facebook and we can come back and discuss what we saw and what we liked. We will give 10 minutes to share and discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>6.3 The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is once again inviting all school council members</p>	Everyone will find out what we like about other schools facebook/instagram accounts and what we want from a possible one from Nottawa	



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		<p>to Connections, a school council orientation event.</p> <p>We would also like to ask that you share the registration link along with the attached flyer with your council. Registration closes Monday, October 23 at noon.</p> <p>Just like in the past there will be vendors, fundraisers, guest presenters, time with PIC representatives and a chance at an opportunity to receive an additional \$500 towards parent engagement for those who attend!</p> <p>When: Thursday, October 26 5-8 p.m. Where: Bear Creek Secondary School</p> <p>More information can be found on our public website.</p>		
	Closing Comments and Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 6:30PM library		