

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Budget Update - Jackie

- There are only five items on our wish list to date
- Council still has over \$4721 to spend on wish list items
- We have a reserve of \$15,000 to put toward organizing the Fall Fair
- Council has \$40,680 cash in hand
- This year we had some small fundraisers so had some revenue, which was unexpected
- An error in how the recess bags funds were allocated is noticed
 - Melissa to look into and correct error re: recess bags
- Jungle sport should be on the Wishlist, but has not been approved yet for this year
- In May or June Council will prepare a Wishlist for the coming year
- Council will poll the Balmy community to get a representative sense of what the parent community wants to prioritize

Social Committee Update

- **Balmy Fun Week** is scheduled for April 11th - 14th, the week after Easter
 - April 11th - will be a balmy colours/pride day
 - April 12th mini fundraiser snack shop in the morning before school starts, bring your change
 - April 13th will be a staff appreciation lunch
 - April 14th school wide PJ day
- We are looking for volunteers to help, especially on the morning of April 12th to help at the snack stations around the school
- We are hoping to have the Malvern Marching Band come play at recess on the 13th
- **Ice Cream Social** will probably be the second week in June (possibly the 14th with the 16th to be a rain date)
 - There will be ice cream trucks, sidewalk chalk, bubbles etc
- **Kindergarten Night** is also allowed to happen again
 - Kindergarten Night is an evening for new Kindergarten Students to gather, meet staff, get a loot bag, see the classrooms and participate in an activity
- **Parent Social** is also allowed to happen again
 - Many new parents have joined the Balmy community in the last two years, but there has been very little opportunity to meet and socialise over, so a parents night out would be a wonderful opportunity to connect
 - It would be preferable to have a patio option for those who feel more comfortable outdoors, so maybe wait for warmer weather
 - Kristen, Michelle, and Tanya volunteer to organize this event; they will also reach out to Salimah who has volunteered at the last meeting to help out
 - Michelle will run all possible dates past Marc

Fundraising Committee

- Pizza lunch is a go for this year!

- Pizza lunch is a fun, but also very important fundraiser as it raises significant funds for the school
- There will be five pizza lunches this year starting at the end of April
- The format and choices will be more limited this year (ie. Have to opt in for all lunches, no fruit option) because of the short time frame we have for planning and coordinating, we need to keep things simple
- Melissa will send out a request for volunteers along with the pizza lunch form, but we still need a volunteer coordinator to schedule the volunteer team
 - Zoe Williams offers to take on this role
 - Volunteers must wear a mask and be fully vaccinated
 - Volunteers will also need a police check. Melissa will also send out information about this process.

- Fall Fair can return to the school next year, but Melissa is stepping down from organising it so we need someone to run the whole thing

- We also need a fundraising, sponsorship and volunteer coordinator for the Fall Fair and need to have a committee put together by June
- Melissa is happy to share her binder from previous years and provide information as needed
- It's a huge event, but well loved by the community and manageable when you have the right number of team members
- The idea to have each class help organize one event is proposed
- Alex offers to coordinate along with Erin and Tanya
 - Melissa to email us with contact info

Principal's Update - Marc

- Staff are still getting used to the new back to normal, but teachers are definitely feeling happy and more relaxed
- We are seeing the return of many things including pizza lunch, setting up classrooms into more collaborative learning environments, etc
- Marc is encouraging all teachers to go on one field trip, the school will pay for a bus for each class
- Starting to look into hot lunch programs, possibly starting in April, but Marc will poll the community to see what kind of program will meet most people's needs
- Outside the office area, there will be heating elements put in place to prevent icicles and snow from falling on people, this will be similar to what was done on the south side of the building
- Can't provide staffing update yet because the TDSB is offering a virtual program again for 2022/23 so we need to wait to see about numbers
- The projected numbers are down so could have a significant change in staffing, but we won't have an accurate number until April
- At that point Marc can share more information about the school model for next year
- Jen Ger asks about Itinerant Teachers
 - Marc explains that itinerant teachers are not actually teachers, they are instructors, so they need to still have a teacher present for the class

- We have not been able to have any because of covid
- This would be something that is supplementary to the regular school program and can be looked into further, however because they are not trained as teachers, their level of instruction is not always great

Next meeting date is April 21 7:30 - 9 pm

- Could be in house if comfortable, however, it would be nice to have a Zoom option still available

Meeting adjourned

Council remains in the meeting to affirm new council bylaws

Council Bylaws Template

- Council bylaws were last affirmed in 2015
- Erin begins to go through council template selection process
- Some bylaw items are mandatory
- Council proceeds to vote on those that are optional
 - Council votes to include Student Representative section, passed
 - Council votes to include the Roles and Responsibilities section, passed
 - Council votes to include Communications Guidelines section, passed
 - Council votes to include Principal as Signatory section, passed
 - Council votes to abstain from including the Committees of School Council section, passed